

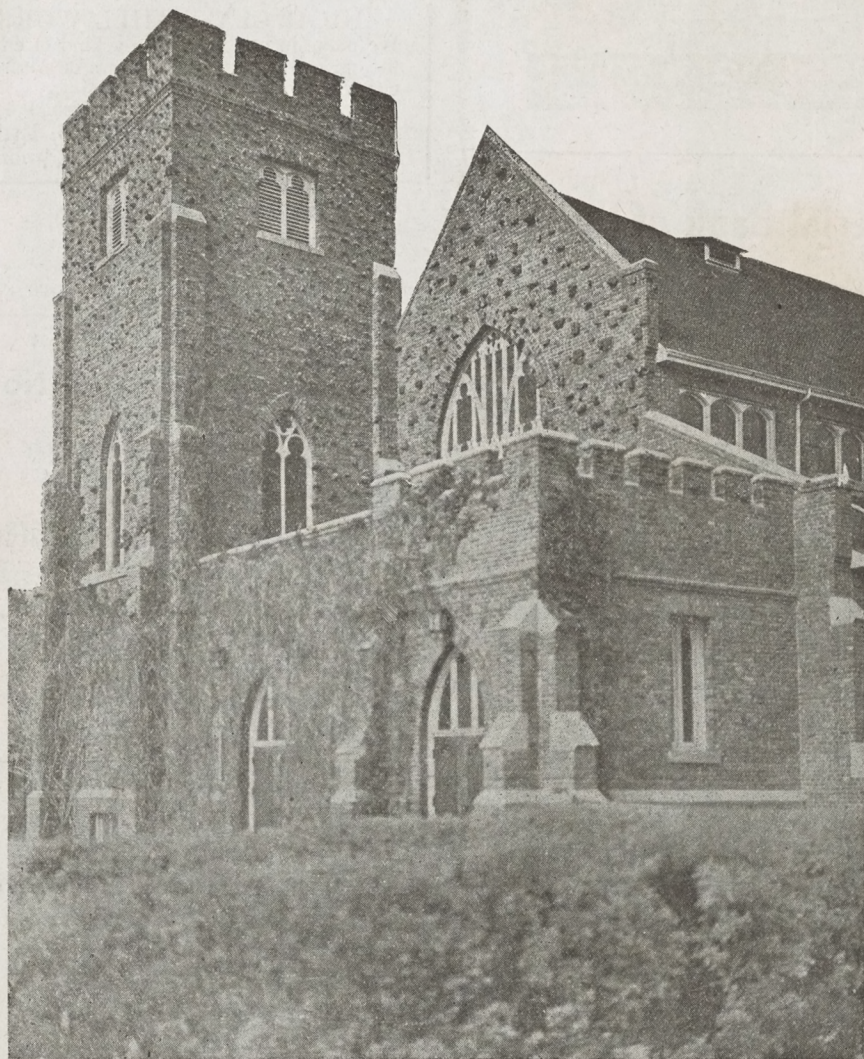
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A LENTEN PASTORATE

My dear People:

As members of the Anglican Communion we will keep the season of Lent as our consciences direct and God gives us grace and wisdom; I want to suggest a motto: "Good discourse" and a starting place, "Where God began with us." I find both of these in Bunyan's "Pilgrim's Progress":

"Now then, said Chri t'ian, to prevent drowsiness in this place, let us fall into good discourse."

"Hopeful: 'With all my heart.'

"Christian: 'Where shall we begin?'

"Hopeful: 'Where God began with us'.

"Let us fall into good discourse" and let us begin "where God began with us." God began with us when we were adopted as sons at baptism and He has never left us to this very hour. To discourse upon that story in any detail would fill the waking hours of the Lenten season. May I suggest some of the high lights. With what patient, gracious persistence He has followed us down the years! He has read our fleeting secret purpose towards good. He knows our bitter struggle with the self. He has stood by in the shadows without contempt or anger or disdain when we have gone down to humiliating defeat. He is glad when victory crowns our efforts. He has waited patiently for our return when we went blundering down some blind valley or followed some false trail. That is good discourse for it leads us straight to the best discourse of all which begins, "Our Father Who art in Heaven." No other terms are adequate to tell where God begins with us—"Our Father . . ."

Then while the discourse is fresh in our minds we must turn quickly to capture it in concrete action. Thoughts and words without action are as barren as seeds without soil. The main reason why we so often lose the glow of good discourse is that we fail to translate it into concrete action. It was the gladness of the first believers which easily persuaded the people to whom they spoke. Have we grown cold and calculating and critical? Then we cannot persuade others that our religion is human and friendly and attractive. The most natural result of good discourse which begins like this: "Our Father," is to remove all stiffness and formality in conversation. Would it not be better for our Church if we showed a little more of the feelings of our hearts in connection with our religion. There is so much in our church life that chills the spirit of zeal. I know how religious fervour makes us rather uncomfortable but there surely is welcoming and invigorating warmth in good discourse which begins where God began with us. Lest I have not made my intention clear in this paragraph let me put it directly. The concrete action I have been thinking of is the conversation which is deliberately intended to help others to see—"Our Father Who art in Heaven." This is important—very important. Let me illustrate by a quotation from a sermon by Dr. R. J. Drummond: "There was a band of philanthropic people who determined to bring some brightness and cheer into the lives of the poor in a certain district. They resolved to keep religion out of their programme, and they spent much of their time and much of their money in providing lectures and entertainments and all kinds of pleasant social evenings, which met with a certain measure of success. But they were anxious to do even more, and one night their leader asked if there was any other thing that they could do for them that would be a pleasure and a help to them. And from the back benches there came this request: 'Sir, would you tell us about Him'." They had left out the good discourse. If the truth were known to us, I am sure we should discover that many people are sadly disappointed when we fail to fall into that kind of good discourse.

Yours sincerely,

WALTER EDMONTON.

Diocesan News

RURAL DEAN OF EDMONTON

The Reverend Canon Hatfield has resigned as Rural Dean and the Chapter has nominated to the Bishop, the Reverend W. M. Nainby, Rector of Holy Trinity, Edmonton. The Bishop has announced the appointment of Mr. Nainby as Rural Dean of Edmonton.

APPORTIONMENTS

Our programme of *Advance* is well under way. The first announcement of the programme was received gladly and aroused hope that needed work would be delayed no longer. Our people, better informed than ever before, are giving themselves more to study, reading and prayer and see more clearly the part which the Church is called upon to play in every land. They have seriously undertaken to see that provision is made that the Church's work may be well done.

The General Synod in the year 1943 planned further work and urged that all parishes overpay the 1943 apportionments so that money for the proposed advance in 1944 should be available immediately and the planned work begun without delay. Reports from Toronto tell of large overpayments already received on 1943 apportionments. In this success the Diocese of Edmonton shares.

All Saints and Christ Church, Edmonton and St. John's, Onoway, sent in substantial overpayments. Vermilion, Mannville, Greencourt, St. Paul's Mission and Islay overpaid slightly. Thirty congregations paid in full and did not take discounts. This amounts to an overpayment in each case. Thirty-two congregations paid in full and took discounts.

This means that the old spirit, which made comparisons and sought minimums in apportionments is gone and that Anglicans are asking first of all to be assured that the Church's needed work is being done. They are ready to make adequate provision for it.

God has given to his Church a spirit equal to its task and the Church is opening its heart and mind to know His will, and moves forward to do it.

(Signed) S. F. TACKABERRY,
Secretary-Treasurer.

TRANSPORTATION COSTS

Transportation "presents" the most serious financial problem in the work of the Church in this Diocese. Nearly every clergyman outside of Edmonton is either making monthly payments on the purchase price of his car, or, if he operated the car long enough to have paid for it, is meeting repair and upkeep expense, equal to such payments. Such pay-

ments disappear in depreciation. Some are paying for cars whose usefulness is ended.

In addition to such costs, there is an average mileage of about 9,000 to be covered each year. Those who operate cars or have to rent them know what such costs amount to. Besides there are the costs of license and insurance.

Let each reader pause here and make a fair estimate of the total annual cost of ownership and operation of the clergyman's car.

Whose is the financial responsibility?

In nearly all cases the clergyman has shouldered practically all of it. In some cases the cost has been upwards of two-thirds of his so-called stipend. This is a manifest and serious injustice.

The writer of this letter believes that the church people of this Diocese will wish to take action to remedy this situation, and asks that the officers and members of each congregation confer together and decide to make a definite monthly allowance to their clergyman, separate from and in addition to stipend, towards transportation costs.

To encourage the early attack on this problem the Diocese undertakes to make a grant in 1944, up to \$50.00 to each clergyman on minimum stipend outside of Edmonton who advises the Synod Office that he has received at least that amount from his parish towards transportation costs.

(Signed) S. F. TACKABERRY,
Secretary-Treasurer.

REQUIESCAT

In the lonely watches night by night,
Great visions burst upon my sight,
For down the stretches of the sky
The hosts of dead go marching by.

Strange ghostly banners o'er them float,
Strange bugles sound an awful note,
And all their faces and their eyes
Are lit with starlight from the skies.

The anguish and the pain have passed
And peace hath come to them at least,
But in the stern looks linger on
The iron purpose and the will.

Dear Christ, who reign'st above the flood
Of human tears and human blood,
A weary road these men have trod,
O house them in the home of God.

FREDERICK GEORGE SCOTT.

The whole Canadian Church learned with sadness of the passing of Archdeacon Scott at Quebec recently. He was well known as Canon Scott to so many of the men who served in the First Great War, in which he distinguished himself as a Padre. The poem "Requiescat" was written by him in April, 1915, having been composed in a field near Ypres. It was read at his funeral service.

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EDMONTON DIOCESAN BOARD OF W.A. THIRTIETH ANNUAL MEETING

to be held at

All Saints' Cathedral and Parish Hall
And Christ's Church Parochial Hall,

TUESDAY, WEDNESDAY, THURSDAY,
March 7th, 8th, 9th, 1944

ORDER OF PROCEEDINGS

Tuesday, March 7th
All Saints' Cathedral

Theme of Annual:

"Launch out into the deep." St. Luke 5:4.

9.00 a.m. Registration in Parish Hall.

10.00 a.m. Annual Corporate Communion.

Celebrant: Right Reverend W. F. Barfoot, D.D.
Bishop of Edmonton.

Preacher: Sqdn. Ldr., Reverend Grant Sparling,
M.M. (R.C.A.F.).

Presentation of Diocesan Thank Offering.

11.15 a.m. Roll Call. Greetings.
Announcements.

Welcome: Mrs. Bruce Robarts,

Holy Trinity Young Women's Fellowship.

Reply: Mrs. H. Barden, Tofield.

12.00 a.m. Luncheon in Empire Room, H.B.C.

1.30 p.m. Hymn and Prayers: Mrs. V.
Barford.

Welcome to all Delegates: Mrs. G. Mowat,
President of All Saints' W.A.

Review of the Year.

Recording and Corresponding Secretaries.
Correspondence.

President's Address.

Review of the Year:

Dorcas Educational Secretaries.

"Living Message" Secretary.

Sunday School by Post Secretary.

Council for Social Service Secretary.

3.45 p.m. The Bishop's Hour.
"Latin America"

Evening.

Christ Church Parish Hall.

6.00 p.m. Supper.

7.45 p.m. Programme.

Wednesday, March 8th

9.30 a.m. Hymn, Litany for Peace in the
Church.

Reverend F. A. Peake, Onoway.

Minutes. Correspondence.

Announcements. Question Box.

Review of the Year:

Extra-Cent-a-Day Secretary.

United Thank Offering Secretary
Treasurer.

Consideration of Dominion and Diocesan
Pledges and Appeals.

Voting of Funds. Diocesan Thank Offering.
Offertories, E.C.D.

Report of Convener of Nomination:
Mrs. E. Currey.

12.00 a.m. Noontide Prayers. Reverend W. W.
Buxton.

Luncheon in Empire Room, H.B.C.

1.30 p.m. Hymn, Prayers: Mrs. W. F. Barfoot
Correspondence. Announcements.
Question Box.

Review of the Year:

Prayer Partner Secretary.

The Service of Youth.

Little Helpers, Juniors, C.B.L., Girls'
Secretaries.

Deanery W.A. Reports.

Closing of Ballot Box.

Life Members' Conference.

8.00 p.m. Lenten Service, All Saints' Cathed-
ral, Reverend Canon A. M. Tren-
dell.

Thursday, March 9th

9.30 p.m. Celebration of Holy Communion.
Celebrant: Reverend Canon A. M.
Trendell.

10.00 a.m. Minutes. Correspondence.

Announcements of Officers for 1944.

Question Box.

Reports of Delegates to Dominion Annual in

October, 1943.

Reports of Standing Committees.

Hospital Visiting.

St. Catherine's Residence.

Book of Remembrance.

Programme.

Press and Publication.

12.00 a.m. Noontide Prayers: Mrs. W. B. C.
Chamberlain.

Luncheon in Empire Room, H.B.C.

New Executive will meet to appoint

Honorary Officers.

1.30 p.m. Hymn, Prayers: Mrs. G. McComas.

Announcements. Question Box.

Report of Life Members' Secretary.

Unfinished Business.

Election of Delegates to Dominion Annual
Meeting.

Votes of Thanks.

Service of Praise and Thanksgiving in the
Cathedral. The Bishop of Edmonton.

CHINA AND INDIA RELIEF

The appeal for relief for 100 millions of suffering people in China and India has been made in most of our Churches, and donations are already coming in. It is hoped that our Church people will respond to this challenge to help our unfortunate brethren in their indescribable suffering and privation. Our missionaries are doing everything in their power to minister to the needs of the starving multitudes who look to them appealingly for help. The Governments are helping all they can, but we are presented with an unexampled opportunity for Christian service and witness, and we can assist our missionaries to dispense food, medicines and clothing.

The people of Canada have been spared the ravages of war, and have not been faced with the horrors of famine and invasion. Much has been given to us, and much is expected of us. Give through your organization or your Vestry to this much deserving cause, and give as generously as you can. "Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto Me."

A. Y. P. A. NOTES

The Edmonton Diocesan Council for the A. Y. P. A. is again promoting the A. Y. motto, "For Christ and the Church."

The officers endeavoring to "carry forward" for the season 1943-44 were installed at a very impressive service held in St. Peter's Anglican Church in Edmonton on Sunday, December 12th. Rev. R. S. Faulks, Chaplain for the coming year, conducted the service.

There were as follows: President, Alex. Mesum; Vice-President, Sgt. Dave Brown; Secretary-Treasurer, Miss Kennedy Clouston.

The evening finished off with a very delightful fireside hour held in the Parish Hall.

Only three branches are operating this year in the Diocese, namely: All Saints, Christ Church and St. Peter's, all of Edmonton. It is interesting to note that members from St. Faith's and St. Mary's Churches have amalgamated with All Saints. In this way the spirit of the A.Y. is being "carried forward" although these branches did not have sufficient members in themselves to hold separate meetings. This idea might work in other larger centres too.

All Branches this year are centering their work around the entertainment of members of the Armed Forces. All Saints and Christ Church have held fireside hours after the Sunday evening services in their respective parish halls, while St. Peter's has held several dances, to which a special welcome has been extended to members of the Forces.

Earlier in the season we were fortunate in having a visit from Dr. Priest, Western Field Secretary of the G.B.R.E., who gave us an impressive report of the 1943 9th Dominion Conference. Since Edmonton did not send a representative, Dr. Priest's report was very welcome.

Miss Ruth Wigmore, teacher from the Church of England Deaconess House in Toronto, also gave us an enlightening talk on the work carried on in this school, as well as the work achieved by girls who have graduated.

The Council is at present working on a Charade Party to be held on March 13th.

Rural Deanery of Edmonton

HOLY TRINITY, EDMONTON

THE REV. W. M. NAINBY

The annual congregational meeting was held on Wednesday, January 19th, when the reports of all organizations showed excellent progress during the year.

The Rector reviewed the work of the Church during 1943, and congratulated the organizations on their achievements. Financially, the Church had had an outstanding year. Sunday School attendance had shown a steady increase, and the Sun-

day School in Garneau was making splendid progress. Various additions to the Church plant and properties had been made, including chimes in the tower in recognition of the Jubilee, a new heating plant in the basement, six hearing devices, and other improvements to the Church fabric.

Mr. H. W. Tye was again chosen Rector's Warden, and Mr. A. H. Templeton re-elected People's Warden. The Vestry were elected as follows: G. Bradley, S. B. Clark, F. J. Fishburne, S. Gandier, A. Isaac, T. H. Mackie, Mrs. W. J. Melrose, L. Pheasey, E. H. Rivers, T. P. Robarts, L. Suss, T. S. Thompson and H. Wonnacott. Lay delegates chosen were: Messrs. T. W. Bull, P. Greenwood, F. C. Jamieson, A. H. Lord, H. E. Roberts, H. W. Tye, with P. D. Fowler and E. H. Rivers as alternatives.

P. Greenwood and P. D. Fowler were again chosen as conveners of sidesmen, and Mr. H. E. Roberts continues as Envelope Secretary. Mr. R. Molloy and Mr. T. W. Bull were elected auditors.

Sanctuary Guild.—Mrs. Rose Casper was re-elected President at the recent annual meeting. This is the twelfth year Mrs. Casper has held this office. Others chosen were: Vice-Pres., Mrs. M. F. H. Browne; Secretary-Treasurer, Mrs. R. S. Evans.

Dime-a-Week Club.—More than two hundred are already subscribing through the scheme, though we would welcome others. It is our hope to clear off the mortgage this year by this means. Mr. H. E. Roberts is in charge.
Choir:

The annual meeting of the choir was held following practice on January 6th. After the various reports had been read, the following members were elected to office:

Past President, Mr. G. Johnson.
President, Mrs. E. Smalian.
Vice-President, Mr. E. de Laroque.
Secretary, Miss M. Smalian.
Treasurer, Mr. T. Walton.
Sick Visitor, Miss Ida Ellis.
Librarian, Mr. A. Saunders.
Assistants: Miss H. Bunkall, Miss J. Cowley.
Registrars, Miss V. Hill-Male, Mr. T. Walton.
Auditor, Mr. L. Betts.
Choirmaster's Secretary, Mrs. T. Middleton.
Mistress of Robes, Mrs. T. Middleton.
Assistant, Mrs. S. Jones.

Holy Trinity Girls' Club.

The annual meeting of the Club was held on Monday, January 10th. A very successful and happy year was enjoyed by the members.

Miss Margaret Smalian was re-elected President. Miss Betty Price, Vice-President, Miss Joyce Cormick, Secretary; Miss Phyllis Cowley, Treasurer; Miss Jean Climie, Press Reporter.

A theatre party was held on January 17th. Most of the members attended the opening session of the recent University Christian Mission.

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Parish Guild.

The Parish Guild of Holy Trinity Church held its annual meeting recently at the home of Mrs. A. H. Templeton. Plans were made to hold a Tea on Friday, January 28th, at the home of Mrs. Percy Johnson. Mrs. A. H. Lord was appointed in charge of arrangements.

Mrs. H. C. Pettet was re-elected President; Mrs. W. M. Nainby, Honorary President; Mrs. G. G. Reynolds, Honorary Vice-President.

Others elected to office were Mrs. A. H. Lord, Vice-President; Mrs. G. L. Benson, Secretary; and Mrs. Gordon Proctor, Treasurer.

The Tea held at the home of Mrs. Johnson was a great success. The weather was ideal, and over a hundred guests attended, and the proceeds amounted to more than \$60.

Sunday School

The children were glad to welcome Mr. A. Pirie to a recent S. S. session. Mr. Pirie spoke about his experiences in the North, and showed exhibits of Eskimo and Indian works.

We welcome Mr. Ralph Johnson as the new Bible Class leader for the boys. Mr. J. Levy had been kindly carrying on after the sickness and death of Dr. Baronsfather, but now Mr. Johnson has taken over the class.

Young Women's Fellowship

The Annual Meeting of the Young Women's Fellowship was held on January 12th. The election of officers resulted as follows:

President, Mrs. B. Roberts.
First Vice-President, Mrs. A. M. Brunlees.
Second Vice-President, Mrs. W. J. Saunders.
Secretary, Mrs. F. M. Pow.
Treasurer, Mrs. L. Pheasey.
Educational Secretary, Miss Winnifred Bull.
Press Correspondent, Miss Iris James.
Social Service, Mrs. A. Bradley.
Dorcas Secretary, Mrs. T. Roberts.
Bazaar Conveners, Mrs. H. Marchment, Mrs.

W. J. Ebdon and Mrs. W. Bull.

Supervisor of Little Helpers, Mrs. W. Janke.

The financial statement showed a most successful year and a contribution of \$250.00 was given to the mortgage fund, and also a donation towards the expenses of the new chapel.

The meetings during the year were all well attended, and we have welcomed fourteen new members, which brings our membership up to fifty, and we are all looking forward to an even better year in 1944.

Mothers' Union.

There were 15 members present at the meeting held on January 6th at the home of Mrs. Browne, and officers for the coming year were elected as follows:

President, Mrs. W. Dean; Vice-President, Mrs. M. Young; Treasurer, Mrs. R. Wood; Secretary, Mrs. Browne.

A letter of thanks was read from Mrs. May for knitting done by the members towards the

Christmas parcels for the Active Service Groups.

Plans for the ensuing year were to continue knitting for Mrs. May, and also to work for Social Service should the need arise.

Next meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. Polley, 10146 87th Avenue, on Thursday, February 3rd.
W. A.

The W. A. held their Annual Meeting in the Vestry on Tuesday, January 11th, with Mrs. Hammett in the chair. There were 25 members present, and reports were given from the various branches of the organization.

Mrs. Manahan expressed great appreciation of the work done by Mrs. Hammett during her (Mrs. Manahan's) absence, through illness, last year, and presented her with a very lovely cup and saucer as a token of appreciation.

The Rector congratulated the members on the very wonderful reports given. All pledges had been met in full.

The following were elected to office in 1944:

President, Mrs. W. L. Hammett.
First President, Mrs. J. W. Mills.
Second Vice-President, Mrs. R. Molloy.
Recording Secretary, Mrs. A. Pryor.
Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. M. F. H.

Browse.

Treasurer, Mrs. C. R. Manahan.
Juniors, Mrs. C. P. Ortner.
Prayer Partner, Mrs. Rose Cox.
U.T.O. and D.T.O., Mrs. W. H. Sheppard.
E.C.D., Miss B. Smith.
"Living Message", Miss R. Evans.
Hospital Convener, Mrs. E. J. Flavin.
Education, Mrs. G. L. Benson.
Dorcas, Mrs. W. Roberts.

W.A. Active Service Group.

At the Annual Meeting held on Thursday afternoon, January 13th, Mrs. May reported there had been 34 meetings during 1943, with a roll call of 29, and 12 knitting at home.

To each of the 99 men of the Church who were overseas at Easter, were mailed a pair of socks and the Easter calendar. At Christmas 228 received parcels, the men a pair of socks or a sweater, and to the women, a pair of knitted gloves.

Mrs. L. May was unanimously re-elected Convener, with Mrs. T. Walton Secretary; Convener of Sewing, Mrs. J. McGregor, and Convener of Quilting, Mrs. Browne.

ST. FAITH'S

TNE REV. L. M. WATTS

Parish activities during January began with a congregational social evening on January 4th. The highlight of the evening was the official opening of the new room in the basement of the Church. The new room is to be called The Church Room. Those who were

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present were delighted with the size and appearance of the room. We were glad to have with us on that occasion the Rev. W. M. Nainby. Appreciation was expressed to Mr. J. Cleveley, and all the men who worked with him.

Annual Meetings.

The annual meeting of the Evening W.A. was held on January 5th. Reports were given by the officers of last year. It was an active year for this branch under the leadership of Mrs. J. Cleveley, and one outstanding characteristic was increased membership. Papers were given by members during the year on the various phases of W.A. work. Officers elected for 1944 are as follows:

Honorary President, Mrs. L. M. Watts.
President, Mrs. J. Cleveley.
Vice-President, Miss E. Smith.
Secretary, Mrs. C. Asp.
Treasurer, Mrs. W. Shillabeer.
Prayer Partner Secretary, Mrs. P. A. Fairbrother.
Social Service, Mrs. R. Smith
War services, Mrs. A. Potter.

The annual meeting of the Afternoon W.A. was held on January 12th. The attendance was most encouraging. Reports given by leaders of all departments revealed a very successful year under the leadership of Mrs. E. Currey. The way in which the food problem had been overcome during the year in connection with the many functions was truly amazing. "Where there's a will there's a way."

Election of officers resulted as follows:

Honorary President, Mrs. S. F. Tackaberry.
Hon. Vice-President, Mrs. L. M. Watts.
President, Mrs. E. Currey.
First Vice-President, Mrs. Mutter.
Second Vice-President, Mrs. H. Davis.
Secretary, Mrs. W. Pattison.
Treasurer, Mrs. L. Roberts.
Girls' Leader, Mrs. R. Smith.
Junior Leader, Mrs. R. Chisholm.
Little Helpers Secretary, Mrs. D. McDonald.
Prayer Partner Secretary, Mrs. H. Parlee.
Social Service, Mrs. H. F. Douglas and Mrs. Potter.
Red Cross, Mrs. Mutter.
E.C.D., Mrs. W. J. White.
U.T.O., Mrs. G. Davies.
Dorcas, Mrs. L. H. Waters and Mrs. A. Parrish.
Educational Secretary, Mrs. J. W. Brown.
Living Message, Mrs. E. H. Carrington.
Press Reporter, Mrs. T. Cole.
Fancy Work, Mrs. G. T. Jackson and Mrs. W. J. Bailey.
Plain Sewing, Mrs. E. Field and Mrs. Hargreaves.
Novelties, Mrs. T. Cole and Mrs. H. Davis.
Social Conveners, Mrs. Mutter, Mrs. W. A. Flesher and Mrs. H. F. Douglas.
Lone Member Secretary, Mrs. Potter.

The annual meeting of the Sanctuary Guild was held on January 21st. Many improvements in the Church furnishings were reported. Special mention was made of the new

cupboard, made and presented by Mr. W. Tout. The officers were re-elected: President, Mrs. W. J. Greene; Secretary-Treasurer, Mrs. Mutter.

The annual congregational meeting was held on January 18th. The financial statement presented by Mr. B. H. Cooper revealed a year of increased income, and while this is only a partial measure of the activity of any Church, it does speak of increased interest in the meaning and work of the Church. All the reports given added to this impression of last year's story. An outstanding item was the sale of property in preparation for the building of a rectory in the not too distant future.

Mr. B. H. Cooper was given a special vote of thanks for his work as People's Warden during the past seven years. He is now residing with his family in another part of the city.

Officers for 1944 are as follows:

Rector's Warden, Mr. J. Carter.
People's Warden, Mr. C. Thompson.
Vestry Members, Mrs. W. Barrington, Mrs. L. Roberts, Messrs. W. B. Roberts, J. Cleveley, E. Shaw, H. Robinson, E. Currey, R. Barson, T. Cole, H. Parlee, A. Pirie, C. Asp.

Lay Delegates, Messrs. W. B. Roberts, E. Currey, H. Robinson.

Substitutes, Messrs. A. Potter, A. Pirie, J. Carter.

Installation of officers

On January 19th a service of installation was held in the Church, when all the officers of both the Afternoon and Evening branches of the W.A. were installed. Following this service a Life Membership was given to Mrs. J. W. Cooper in recognition of many years of devoted service. Members of the Evening branch were hostesses to the Afternoon branch after the ceremony in the Church.

Here are the concluding words of a report given at the annual congregational meeting:

"Service to humanity is the rent we pay for our room on earth. How much are we behind with the rent?"

ST. STEPHEN'S CHURCH

CANON J. C. MATTHEWS

Sunday Services

Holy Communion, 8 a.m.
Sung Eucharist, 11 a.m.
Evensong, 7.30 p.m.
Sunday School, 10 a.m.

Week-day Services

Holy Communion, Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, Saturday, 8 a.m.

The annual meeting was held on January 21st. Reports were presented by the Church Wardens, Willing Workers, Choir, Sunday School, Altar Guild, A.Y.P.A., Font Roll, Ran-

gers, Guides, Brownies, Cubs, and by the Rector.

Mr. H. Q. Horton was appointed Rector's Warden.

Mr. J. R. Watson was unanimously re-elected as People's Warden.

The following ladies and gentlemen were elected to form the Vestry: Mrs. Slater, Mrs. Ralph Watson, Mrs. Forbes, Miss Wright, E. Patterson, G. G. L. Moore, T. F. Swallow, T. J. Jones, W. Petherbridge, H. Allen, T. Whiting, H. G. Dodd.

Messrs. H. Allen, T. F. Swallow, L. G. G. Moore were elected as Lay Delegates. Mr. W. J. Greene was elected as Lay Delegate Substitute.

Mr. H. Allen was elected Auditor.

The budget for 1944 was agreed to. Mr. Allen proposed a system for increasing the revenue of the parish, which was heartily approved, and Mr. Allen was elected to be the organizer of the work.

A general vote of thanks to all the organizations of the parish for their faithful work was proposed by Mr. Petherbridge, and seconded by Mr. Patterson and unanimously carried.

At the recent Annual Meeting of the Willing Workers the following officers were elected:

President, Mrs. Pridmore.
Vice-President, Mrs. Ralph Watson.
Hon. President, Mrs. Matthews.
Secretary, Mrs. H. Horton.
Treasurer, Mrs. J. R. Watson.
Dorcas, Mrs. R. Watson and Mrs. Miller.
Magazine, Mrs. T. J. Jones.
Sick Visitors, to be arranged at the weekly meetings.
Social Convener, Mrs. Petherbridge.

ST. MATTHEW'S MISSION

At the Annual Meeting of the W.A. Mrs. Cliff was re-elected as President. Mrs. Harvey Vice-President, Mrs. Sanders Treasurer, and Mrs. Thompson Secretary.

Reports on the year's work showed that a great deal had been accomplished both for the Mission and the wider mission field.

The annual parishioners' meeting was held last month. Mr. Dodd, who is the acting Lay Reader at the Mission, has kindly written the following account:

"Christmas has come and gone with its special services, Sunday School, Christmas Tree, concert and presentation of gifts, and now we look forward to another year of progress—with success in all branches of work. At the Annual Meeting, reports were submitted by the several organizations, which proved that our work in the community is worth while. All officials were re-elected unanimously for the

coming year, and all balance sheets showed a substantial balance in hand.

We all regret the loss of Mrs. Taylor, one of our oldest members. It was always a pleasure to hear her reminiscences of St. Matthew's in the making. Her prayers that she would live through Christmas of last year were answered. R.I.P.

"Three incidents of the past year stood out from others:

"One, the Bishop's visit when the Church was filled to overflowing;

"Two, the winning of the S. S. Banner, and the presentation of it at the Rally;

"Three, the painting of the outside of the Church, the cost of which was defrayed by the W.A. We shall try to decorate the interior this year."

Sister Amelia read a very interesting report of the Sunday School. A donation is being made to the China and Indian Relief Fund.

ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS

The Ladies' Circle has responded with generous contributions to the Apportionment and general expenses of the Church. The Sunday School is now held in the morning and has increased considerably under the new conditions.

CHRIST CHURCH, EDMONTON

Now that we are well on our way into the New Year, it seems that Annual Meetings have receded into the past. Nevertheless, we have pleasure in reporting the Annual Meeting of the congregation, held on January 14th. All the reports presented showed 1943 as a year of activity and of advance. The Wardens' financial statement showed a balance of over \$300; we congratulate ourselves on this inasmuch as we have been under heavy expense during the past year. It was gratifying to find that Apportionments for Missionary purposes had been overpaid. For the coming year the Parish has accepted an increase of 10 per cent. on Apportionment. At the conclusion of the meeting, a committee was appointed to prepare plans for improvement and replacement of buildings over the coming ten years, with a view to working out a ten-year schedule which will be begun when conditions once again permit building operations to be undertaken.

While on the theme of annual meetings, we should like to speak of the Annual Meeting of the W.A., held on January 4th. At this meeting a comprehensive survey of the work of the W.A. in the Parish and beyond the Parish was given by the reports of the Secretary and the Treasurer. The elections were held at this time, and resulted in a complete slate of officers being elected: Mrs. Gutteridge continuing as President; Mrs. Thompson and Mrs. Timleck as Vice-Presidents; together with Mrs. Robson, newly elected; Mrs. Moore as Treasurer; and Mrs. Richardson being elected as Recording Secretary, replacing Mrs. Kirkland,

who, after serving the W.A. faithfully in that position for a good many years, passed away early in the New Year. A Life Member for some years, she will be greatly missed by the W.A.

The Annual Week of Prayer was again observed jointly by Robertson and Wesley United Churches and Christ Church. A united service was held at Robertson Church on Wednesday, January 5th, at which we were gratified to notice a considerable increase over last year's attendance. On the following Sunday, the clergy of the three churches exchanged pulpits.

The A.Y.P.A. held a very successful party on January 28th, at which they entertained a number of men from the Navy and Air Force. Much credit is due to those responsible, for the delightful evening.

ST. PETER'S

THE REV. R. S. FAULKES

Christmas brought 1943 to a happy conclusion, we were glad to have so many "home on leave" at worship with us on this joyous occasion. The New Year brought this parish to the 30th anniversary of its founding and dedication of the first Church. We were fortunate to have as preacher for the day, the Rev. Dr. H. A. Alderwood, once rector of this parish. In the morning he reviewed the experiences of the past thirty years, recalling the early life of the district, and paid tribute to the work of Canon McKim, who established the parish; and to the Rev. Mr. Davis, the first incumbent, who gave his life in the First Great War. The preacher then spoke of the stormy nature of the three decades past, and suggested that in view of the difficulties overcome by parishioners in such times, the future might be faced resolutely with the same faith in God to enable them to overcome, and do for Him.

In the evening, Dr. Alderwood called upon his hearers to look forward, to think of their opportunities, and realize on them. The Parish is a growing area. We must realize that there can be no brave new world without changed people. Our duty is clear and our opportunity at hand. He expressed the hope that growing enthusiasm for the cause would engulf the parish, and cause extension of the Church plant and all its work.

We were happy to welcome many former parishioners and visitors to these special services. Among them, in the morning, Dr. and Mrs. Tackaberry, who were in charge of the parish for fifteen years of its life. The Archdeacon pronounced the Benediction at Matins. At Evensong Bishop and Mrs. Barfoot came, and the Bishop pronounced the Benediction.

On St. Paul's Day, a social evening was held in the Parish Hall with many friends from far and near present to hear Mr. Hodgson recalled some details of early times, "garden parties in the woods", and adventures of what he described as their "nomadic church". Archdeacon Tackaberry spoke of the things that made his ministry a happy one here, and mentioned some of the "bees" that were responsible for the great improvement to the property. Films,

songs and solos, with a visit over the tea cups completed a thoroughly memorable Anniversary evening.

The Annual Meeting was a joyous occasion, for it revealed good work accomplished in all organizations and financial affairs, the best ever! The Rector urged a consolidated building program, with an appeal for one fund to cover a memorial pipe organ, a church and hall extension, and a rectory. Thankfully received was an offer from Mr. Brown, which initiated a programme to renovate the ceiling in the Church itself.

The meeting expressed its thanks to all those who had helped in any way, the affairs, spiritual and temporal, of the Parish during the past year; and felt resolved to make this Anniversary year a banner one in the history of St. Peter's.

CHURCH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD CALDER

THE REV. R. S. FAULKES

This Parish in Calder rejoices in a year of growth in congregations, and so also, we believe, in spiritual stature. This was reflected in Parish affairs as discussed at the Annual Meeting. Financial matters are the best ever, and a substantial amount has been received, and added to, for the building fund.

Mr. W. E. Briggs was re-elected as People's Warden, and Mr. S. Cooper was nominated as Rector's Warden. Gratitude of the meeting was expressed to all those who had helped to make the sum of the Church's work and tasks so successful during the year preceding.

It is with profound regret that we record the passing of Walter Bridge, in his 70th year. He lived in Calder almost since there was such a district, and was ever active in community affairs. In the Church he was constant and loyal, for many years a Vestry man, and latterly Rector's Warden. He was a man greatly loved by all who knew him, a Christian gentleman, one of "God's good men".

For all Thy saints, O Lord,
Our grateful hymn receive,
Who followed Thee, obeyed, adored,
And strove in Thee to live.

ST. PAUL'S, JASPER PLACE

Parishioners here congratulate the Rev. F. W. and Mrs. Baker on the birth of their son, and send greetings to them at this time. Also best wishes to Louis Garnsworthy for success in his studies at Wycliffe College in Toronto, with kind remembrances of services given last summer in this Parish.

The Annual Meeting was cause for rejoicing in this Parish too, for a growing interest is found in this community Church. Further, this yearly business meeting revealed the fact that at last the financial affairs have turned over to the right side of the ledger, which is a source of deep satisfaction to those people who have known the Parish through the years and have had the responsibility of shouldering the burden from time to time. They are justly encouraged, and took opportunity to extend their thanks to all who had enabled this state to come about. Persons present resolved to

Searchlights of the War on Great Subjects

II.—ON PROGRESS

By Rev. Ebenezer Scott, M.A., B.D.

Thirty years ago Progress was the proudest word of our vocabulary. Now, a generation which has witnessed the two most barbarous wars in history may feel inclined to write "progress" without the capital letter, and within inverted commas. It took Tennyson "Sixty Years After" to ask himself, in Locksley Hall, — "Have we risen from the beast, then back into the beast again?" "Thirty Years After" we seem to see "reversion ever dragging Evolution in the mud."

The Concise Oxford Dictionary defines Progress, prosaically enough, as "forward or onward movement in space!" it says nothing of the quality of the movement, or whether the new ground reached is better or worse. The same holds good when we transfer the word from space to time. We grow in knowledge, certainly, with the progress of time; but that does not guarantee the progress of man's innate powers of mind. Geniuses do not come forward on the stage of history in accordance with any fixed programme. Homer and Plato and Shakespeare measure long spaces of time between one another; and we are still kept waiting for another world's favourite to be announced, who will surpass, or even equal any one of them.

In the sphere of natural science, in which our own age boasts a preeminence far above any other, it is possible to report actual progress more than in the purely intellectual or artistic spheres. For the discoveries and inventions of science become a common possession; they enter into the daily life of all men and women, and are ever adding to the resources and the comfort of the masses of the people. But there is another side to the wonderful tale of modern science. While it is a benefactor to the race, it also lends itself to the grossest and foulest devices of death and destruction. Science can be Satan and an angel of light at one and the same time. It is a kingdom divided against itself.

We seem driven to the conclusion that there is no natural law of progress. We have no right to expect either the mere passage of time, or the accumulation of knowledge, or the most marvellous achievements of science, to ensure it. True progress is ultimately a movement of the spirit in man which makes him responsive to the Holy Spirit of God Himself, and carries him, with all his knowledge and experience of the things which he sees, into the sphere of the unseen and the eternal.

The idea of natural progress, moreover, takes no account of human frailty, of the weakness of man's will in grappling with temptations and evil circumstances, of his rebellion against the true purposes of his life,—of all, in short, that the Bible sums up in that one uncompromising, fatal word, sin.

We may, however, venture on this bold apology for the present war,—that it had its origin on the spiritual side of man's nature. It was a declaration of war by the conscience and will of the peaceful nations of the world against the forces of evil; and we fight for victory with a grim but sacred determination, not only that those satanic forces which have swept down on the world at the present time shall be bound in chains that cannot again be unloosed, but that we will do our

utmost to right all that is wrong, both in our international relationships, and in the social conditions of our times,—to abolish stark want and sordid poverty, to provide due medical care for the sick and suffering, to make long life a desirable thing and not the prospect of a helpless and cheerless old age, to make this world altogether a fitter lodging for the immortal souls of men and women.

We may even find some shadow of an apology for the brutal methods and the weapons which the war is multiplying with such ghastly ingenuity every day, in a remark of Robert Louis Stevenson; it often happens, he says, that there is "an advance in civilisation by the means of a passing appeal to savage standards." Human life, even to its highest reaches of mind and spirit, rests on a physical basis. Consequently, it is only physical punishment and discomfort that some people can understand.

But the life in this body itself has its foundations in the world of spirit. There can be no true progress in time without the appeal to eternity. As we look back thirty years after one great war began, and strain our vision through the darkness of a still greater war to catch glimpses of a more hopeful future, we muse again in Locksley Hall,—

"The Good, The True, The Pure, The Just;
Take the charm 'Forever' from them, and they crumble into dust."

Comments Original and Otherwise

FOREIGN MISSIONS AFTER THE WAR

A friend has loaned me a copy of a Toronto weekly paper, *The Chatelaine*, for the month of November, which contains answers given by prominent Churchmen and women to the question, "Do you believe in a revival of Foreign Missionary effort after the war?"

The vast majority of those who answered the questionnaire expressed the opinion that we might look forward to such a revival. There were however a couple of replies that call for some comment. One was by the Editor of the *Toronto Financial Post*. He wrote that he always felt disturbed about Foreign Missions. Then he added, that it was not so much foreign missions that bothered him, as some foreign missionaries, and from them he thought the heathen should be protected rather than exposed.

The other reply is by a member of the Executive Committee of the Board of Management of this Church of England in Canada. He writes that he believes in a revival of missionary effort, but with different vision and methods. But as he went on, he made it quite clear that what he meant by a different vision was that we should go about the work with less zeal and energy. The world he says is likely to last for hundreds and perhaps thousands of years, we should be content to do our small bit, and leave something for those who come after us.

In another paragraph he reminds us that there are civilizations and religions much

older than the Christian era, and that we should "exercise patience and tolerance, realizing that Christian fanaticism is still fanaticism".

I confess that this advice about putting the brakes on our missionary undertakings, this warning against missionary fanaticism sounds very strange coming from a member of the M.S.C.C. Executive Committee. Here is what that organization has succeeded in doing in the forty odd years of its existence. When it was organized there existed in Canada a branch of Church Missionary Society of England. That society was carrying on missionary work in Japan. M.S.C.C. assumed responsibility for the work then undertaken, as well as for its future development. Under the leadership of Dean Tucker and Canon Gould the work was extended to China and India. In 1903 the M.S.C.C. had fourteen ordained men overseas. Today we have four, two in India and two in China and one of the latter, is on his way home on furlough. The presiding Bishop of the American Church says that "China is truly our greatest missionary opportunity today." The Canadian Church so far as M.S.C.C. is concerned is represented there at the present time by one young missionary who has just completed his language studies, and a member of the Executive Committee of that body calls for an application of the brakes.

In another paragraph this member of the M.S.C.C. Executive calls attention to the fact that this missionary work—he calls it this mission-game—was new to us 200 years ago

and that we have had to profit by our mistakes. Not one word about any achievements in that time. It has left me wondering whether this member of the M.S.C.C. Executive has never heard of William Carey and Alexander Duff in India, of Morrison in China, of Judson in Burma, of Livingstone, Hannington and MacKay in Africa, and coming nearer home, of Horden, Bompas, Stringer and specially of that old saint of God, E. J. Peck, who literally gave his whole life to work among our Canadian Esquimaux. It was the achievements of these men that led A. T. Pierson to write his book, "The New Acts of the Apostles." Assuredly these men did more than make mistakes.

It was of this very period that the Archbishop of Canterbury spoke last year on the occasion of his enthronement. "God has been building up a Christian fellowship which now extends into almost every nation, and binds citizens of them all together in true unity and Christian love. No human agency has planned this. It is the result of the great missionary enterprise of the last one hundred and fifty years - - It is the great new fact of our time."

In looking back over the last one hundred and fifty years, the Archbishop saw that we had done something more than make mistakes.

I have quoted the Archbishop of Canterbury. Let me also quote opinion recently expressed by lay people who are speaking from personal observation.

In a recent issue, the Canadian Churchman published an article that appeared in The Saturday Evening Post. It was written by a correspondent in China. Here in part is what he wrote:

Ironically, it was the missionary who saved the day for the white man—the missionary who had never harped on white superiority and the privileges of unequal treaties, who had lived his unpretentious life without indulging in Kiplingesque self-deception.

He had refused to cling to the precarious safety of the treaty port and had boldly ventured into the interior, where he met the dragon in his lair. The two got on rather well.

When the great test of the Japanese invasion came along, the missionary did not run away. As city after city was engulfed in the brown flood, he stayed with his flock, performing acts of quiet heroism that earned him the praise of Christian and heathen Chinese alike.

"Those missionaries have plenty of grit," a Chinese businessman who had left all he owned in the occupied zone, told me.

"I am not a Christian myself and I have not much use for proselytism. Let Christians be Christians and Buddhists be Buddhists. But your missionaries have proved, in these last years of hardship, that they were more than Bible salesmen."

"They haven't been afraid of getting right into the mess, and didn't squawk if they got

their fingers dirty. What they did during the rape of Nanking, when they shielded Chinese women and children with their own lives and gave medical care to the victims of the Jap orgy, will go down in history as one of the great deeds of humanity."

"The same goes for Changsha, for Hong Kong and for a thousand other villages and towns. No, the missionary has proved himself a worthy member of our society—a fellow who can act, which is more than preaching."

This morning I was reading my Forward Day by Day and there I read what three more responsible people, speaking from their own experience had to say about foreign missionaries. One was Madame Chung Kai-shek who wrote:

"No account of China's resistance is complete unless it records the worthy part your missionaries have played whether at the front, in the rear, in Free China, or in Japanese occupied areas. They have not accepted the facile passivity of inaction; on the contrary they have hurled themselves unsparingly and with consecrated zeal into the task of alleviating pain and misery, both physical and spiritual."

And Wendell Wilkie, a hard headed American politician, after his world tour was quoted as saying:

"I bring back to you the clear and significant fact: that there exists in the world today a gigantic reservoir of goodwill toward you, the American people. Many things have created this reservoir. At the top of the list go the hospitals, schools, and colleges, which Americans—many of them missionaries—have founded in the far corners of the world." I thank God that He lets me share in His mission to the world—and that I can share more where I will.

The third was Ambassador Grew who spent some years in Japan. He gave it as his opinion that:

"There are those in Japan who have and appreciate spiritual power. I know some of them myself. I have seen them in our Christian Churches there and I know something of the loyalty those God-fearing people have for their churches. Christianity is deep-rooted in Japan. I do not believe it can ever be crushed."

All these people spoke from first hand knowledge. They certainly did not hold the view that the Chinese and Japanese suffered harm from being exposed to foreign missionaries, nor did they complain about the methods or vision of the missionaries. There are armchair critics of our war policy. There are also armchair critics of our missionary undertakings.

The Bishop of Athabasca in his last leaflet quotes as follows: "The Christian Church has a world mission or no mission at all." Then he adds "Let us think this out." With only three men overseas the M.S.C.C. should be doing some serious thinking about her world mission.

PUNISH THE GUILTY

Quite recently when travelling on the train a fellow passenger came and sat down beside me. As we got into conversation he told me he was a Pole by birth but a naturalized citizen of the United States. He was on his way home after a trip over the new Alaska Highway with which he was in some way officially connected. But it was not about the Alaska Highway that he wanted to talk. It was about the way the Germans had treated and were continuing to treat his people in Poland. In most emphatic language and in loud voice he declared "We must destroy the Germans, kill every one of them. Only in that way can the world have permanent peace." When one thinks of the wholesale killing that the Germans have inflicted upon these helpless people, it is not surprising that there should be a very violent reaction, that those who have suffered should demand vengeance. Even amongst ourselves from time to time one hears such expressions as "Let the Poles finish 'em off", "Kill off the lot", "The only good Jap is a dead Jap". For the consideration of those who feel that way I would like to ask attention to this paragraph from "The Spectator":

"Let us remember that, however idealistic our cause, however justifiable it is to resort to methods of violence in order to restrain international criminals—and no other way would, in this case, achieve that end—no nation can carry on a war like this without threat to its own soul. Those who use violence find that it does something within them, blunts the fine edge of feeling, dulls the soul's sensitiveness, brings to birth in loving, generous and wholesome natures thoughts of bitterness, malice and revenge. When the war is over a new war will begin, as important as this, the inner war to purge our hearts of war's methods and war's effect upon our souls. Let us remember that international justice is one thing—a good thing. International revenge is another thing. It is a boomerang which returns to destroy those who use it."

Very similar is the view of the Archbishop of Canterbury: "Force without justice is tyranny; justice without force is without power. We must therefore put together justice and power so that whatsoever is just is mighty and whatsoever is mighty is just."

GREMLINS GET INTO CHURCH

From an American Church paper I make the following quotation about those Gremlins that the air pilots are talking so much about to-day:

One group of the highly unpopular and prolific Gremlins takes time off from the work of pestering airplane pilots now and then and goes to church. They do so not because they are particularly pious, but just because. Members of this species are characterized by two

undeveloped bumps on their foreheads and rudimentary, spiked tails. They smell like old fashioned sulphur matches.

They do all sorts of diverting things. They tinker with the heating system and make the benches creak. They make knees so stiff that their owners cannot kneel. They entice people into an ecclesiastical squat and a somnolent hand-to-forehand position. They anchor people at the aisle end of a pew so that no one but an acrobat could reach the empty space. Sometimes they mix up the parson's notes so badly that he doesn't know where he is. When a new family comes to church the Gremlins often make them invisible to all the old timers. Sometimes they slip a dime into the hand of someone who is feeling in his pocket for a bill. They will change the connections between the keys and the pipes of an organ, or switch the numbers on the hymn board.

What to do? Hard-working Gremlinologists have not discovered an absolute preventive thus far. The best prescription we have heard of is: one part recollection to two parts application, mixed with an equal amount of reformation. Shake the user well before taking.

THE CANADIAN MISSION IN KANGRA, INDIA

From the report of the Bishop of Lahore after his visit to Kangra, I quote the following items. Regarding the Mission Hospital he writes:

Dr. Florence Haslam is still in charge of the hospital, with Miss Mary Holtby to help her as Nursing Superintendent, as happy a combination as I know anywhere. The Doctor's reputation grows continually. A new ward has been opened which not only increases the number of patients who can be admitted but gives much more room in the cramped space of the main hospital itself. I saw the site for the new hospital which is contemplated and the admirable plans. It is impossible to exaggerate the urgent need for this new hospital. Wonderful work has been done in the old one but it is entirely inadequate for the needs of Kangra. Some day, not too far away, I hope to hear of the good news from Canada that money is available and that the building can start at once. That would not only be a recognition by the Canadian Church of the splendid work their medical missionaries have already accomplished, under hampering conditions, but would also be their recognition that now is the strategic moment to make a move forward to increase the scope of their Mission work and cater for the medical needs of the people of Kangra, still dominated by the idol of the temple and the purveyors of superstitious practices who hold sway therein.

The good man feels old age more by the strength of his soul than by the weakness of his body.—Thomas Overbury.

Lent Challenges Us

By the Rev. B. S. Murray, M.A.

Seventy days before Easter the Church begins to look forward to Easter, the Queen of Festivals. "She would call back our minds from the jubilant season of Christmas, and, by reflections on the humiliating necessity that there was for Messiah's Advent, prepare us for that august season in Lent; in which, if with deep contrition and lively faith we follow Christ in His sufferings, we may rejoice with Him here, and humbly hope to reign with Him hereafter in His glory."

These are really "exhortatory" weeks during which we are exhorted to prepare manfully for the Great Fast. Suggestive, too, are the lessons these three Sundays convey. On Septuagesima, the Church surveys creation and seeing therein the work of the Creator bids us worship Him. Sexagesima follows with a picture of the Lost Eden—the fall of man—assuring us that we may through His power restore what has been lost and regain that Paradise of God when His will shall be done on earth as it is in heaven. This takes love. So, on Quinquagesima, the Church proclaims the sovereignty of love, that essential, dominating element in life. In the spirit of love—for God is Love—the Church leads us to that door of opportunity named Ash Wednesday which ushers in that "orison of quiet" of forty days' duration duly called the penitential season of Lent during which we place ourselves in the divine Presence, and in penitence and faith wait until He comes to dwell in the hearts of the humble and contrite ones, and to fill the very depths of life with the quietness and confidence which is their strength.

Lent challenges us to intensify our attack upon sin. In penitential mood we therefore think about sin. "Change your thinking" about sin declares the Church, not only in Lent but every day, in her opening sentences and exhortation at Morning and Evening Prayer. We have ignored God and sin and deified man so that moral conditions have degenerated and, in our smug complacency, failed to realise that the poison which is putting the world to death is the poison of sin within our own lives. Tennyson was right: "We needs must love the highest when we see it." How are we to see this vision unless we come apart and attend unto God in worship? Unless we do this, the whole race of mankind will destroy itself. To avoid this let us put ourselves to school with Christ, learn to look at life as it is seen in His Presence, love what He loves, hate what He hates, desire what He desires and then only shall we learn what sin really is. There and then we shall recapture that note of austerity which drove our pioneer forebears to that discipline which recognises not only the goodness but the severity of God. With a penitent, new and contrite heart, hum-

ble, loving and obedient, we confess our sins so that we may obtain forgiveness of the same by His infinite goodness and mercy. And forgiven, we will acquire a new energy of joyous life which shall enable us to go out in service to others, while within there will glow that consciousness of divine love which transforms sinful men to make them meet to be rewarded with the saints in light.

Lent challenges us to reconsider Grace. As soldiers of Christ we are committed to fight His battles. That cross imprinted on our brows—and writ on our hearts—offers much suffering and many sorrows and continuously challenges us to endure hardness to the uttermost. Yet there is always the assurance of divine aid, of power given to bear every burden, patience to endure every trial, strength which shall carry us forward with confidence to an ever greater fullness of life. We are provided with the Living Bread, the Bread of Life, of which if a man eat he shall live for ever. Today when Christianity is under attack we need the sacraments of the Altar and the Word. Let us open our neglected Bible and in reading, marking, learning, and inwardly digesting its contents acquire those spiritual vitamins so necessary for fighting the Christian warfare. And, reinforced with divine sacramental grace, go forward in the spirit of victory, following in His most blessed steps not only imitating but absorbing His principles. Today many people in bereavement, pain or anxiety find mysterious sustenance in the day of their distress and light when all is dark around them. Divine grace awaits you. Only the initiated know this power and so, by thanksgiving, endeavour to express their gratitude to so great a benefactor.

Lent challenges us to sing redemption's story of God seeking to possess us for His own in loving communion. Calvary is implicit in Bethlehem, the redemption of world is wrapped in swaddling clothes for Christ the Lord, through sacrifice and the cross, dedicated His life to save His people from their sins. It is redemption that makes Christianity the most inspiring and ennobling of all religions and because Jesus saves. Let us make this gift of freedom, redemption, such a reality that we return forthwith to God, believing that God gives us power to overcome the evil within ourselves and enables us to have the victory over sin in the world, so that with joyous confidence we face all the duties of life as the means of a freed man's service to God and his fellow-men. Onward, upward, forward marches that mighty army, the Church of God, under the leadership of a Master in whose service there is perfect freedom.

Lent challenges us to view the Cross, where

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Week-End Sermonette

By Rev. David L. Greene

It is no military secret that the men folks of our average community are conspicuous by their absence from Church Services and other Church activities. In this respect I often wonder if our town is not even below average.

This condition is a symptom of the disease which has brought about the "status quo", a situation which the darkey preacher described as "the mess we are in." The disease is atrophy or decay of spiritual fibre.

We have been "one basket" people filling up our receptacle with the doubtful eggs of pleasure, prosperity and selfish enjoyment. We have showed comparative indifference to the great truth stated by Jesus Christ that man does not live by bread alone. Or as Shelley said, "Man is of soul and body, formed for deeds of high resolve."

Then the little Austrian paperhanger jumped off his stepladder and upset our basket. Our eggs were scrambled and the resultant omelette makes unpleasant eating, for the eggs were not all good. The dish tastes of sorrow, and separation, and sacrifice, and death.

A hundred homes in our district are feeling the absence of boys and girls and men who are near and dear to them. These soldiers and sailors and airmen and women are away fighting pre-eminently for freedom to worship our God. They are engaged in a modern crusade for this thing which, if lost, would leave us with no better way of life than the duped slaves of Nazidom.

In recognition of this sacrifice by the young people in uniform I submit that the least the men who are left behind can do is to support them with their presence and their prayers in the House of God. A safe investment in a Victory Loan with interest cannot be regarded as a substitute for the prevailing power of prayer.

Since the Great War there has been unqualified criticism of post-war settlements, economic and social conditions. These complaints led to declarations that after this war things MUST be different.

Most men entertain a pious hope that things will be better. But these vague "things" will not be much different unless men are different.

If the men of our land take no more interest in the things of spiritual value, the things of God, the things which really matter and affect everything else, than they have taken before and during this war they have no right to expect better conditions afterwards.

The men of our town and of every other town make up the men of our country. "As our town goes, so goes the country," to quote Andy Gump, the chinless philosopher.

It is a sad commentary on present religious conditions and an ill omen for the future that so few men are doing something for the Christian enterprise that is so vital to so many.

I know all the excuses; one is busy, another is tired, and another is out of the habit of going to Church. I am willing to make allowance where there is just reason.

But I also know that the business men and the weariest men who are leading the United Nations to Victory find time and make opportunity to worship God—Premier Churchill, General Montgomery, General Marshall, President Roosevelt, King George, Generalissimo Chiang Kai Shek, to mention a few of them. These men do not consider it effeminate to attend Church.

These men would not dare face their tasks without going regularly into the Sanctuary of God. Can we men in our lesser spheres lay claim to so great sufficiency in ourselves that we can go carelessly along without giving God His place?

The only perfect Man the world has ever known found it necessary to resort frequently to public and private prayer. His manhood found expression in reliance upon His Heavenly Father and submitting to His will.

Today we have a race of seeming super-men. Some of them repudiate God and act accordingly.

Others profess a belief in Christianity and send their sons and daughters out to defend the Christian way of life. Yet they ignore Christ and His Church. Is it any wonder we have a global war?

Frankly, men and brethren, this is an earnest appeal to you to think seriously about these things. You need God and God needs you. You need the Church and the Church needs you. Whatever Church you favour, attend it and support it, for the Church is the visible Kingdom of God on earth.

Only if and when the manhood of our nation associates itself unequivocally with God and His righteous cause will the lasting peace of God as well as the Victory of His Divine justice be assured.

"Rise up, O men of God!

Have done with lesser things,
Give heart, and soul, and mind, and strength,
To serve the King of Kings."

"Lift high the Cross of Christ!

Tread where His feet have trod.
As brothers of the Son of Man,
Rise up, O men of God."

(The Journal, Emerson, Man.)

TO BE NEW AUSTRALIAN BISHOP

Canon Charles Herbert Murray, of St. Paul, Melbourne, has been elected Bishop of Riverina, New South Wales, in succession to Dr. R. C. Halse, who was recently appointed Archbishop of Brisbane.

The Story of a Royal Gift

In the year of grace 1745, in the reign of George II, when Bonnie Prince Charlie had failed in his attempt to recover the throne of England for the Stuarts, Thomas Hemming started business as a silversmith. Here is his Trade Card:

THOMAS HEMMING

Goldsmith to his Majesty, at the King's Arms in Bond Street facing Clifford St. Makes and sells all sorts of Gold etc. Silver Plate in the highest taste. Likewise all sorts of Jewellers work, Watches, Seals in Stone, Steel & Silver, Engrav'd. Mourning Rings Etc. etc, etc. and at the most reasonable prices.

N.B. Gives most Money for the above Articles or Lace burnt or unburnt.

It fell to this good man to make the silver Communion Service here illustrated. His Majesty King George III gave it to Quebec in 1766, just seven years after the battle of the Plains of Abraham. In the minutes of the council of the province there occurs this letter from General James Murray dated 'Quebec, 27 June, 1766':

Sir:

Herewith I send you the Chapel Plate and Furniture, which I desire may be kept for the use of the Episcopal Church of the Parish of Quebec. And that you will deliver the same to the Church Wardens of the said Parish when such an Establishment shall take place.

I am Sir

Your most humble servant,
Signed, JAS. MURRAY.

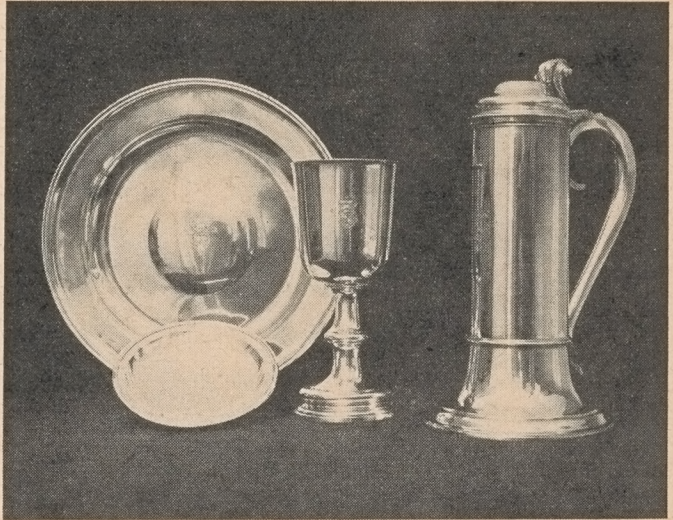
The Rev. John Brooke, Chaplain to the Quebec Garrison, was probably the first to use this plate.

Bishop Jacob Mountain found it in use when he arrived in November, 1793. And no doubt it continued in use until the Cathedral was consecrated in 1804.

But with the arrival from England of a still more magnificent set of altar plate from King George III, the set of 1766 would seem to have fallen into disuse. But apparently only part of it ceased to be used. People are often very conservative, especially in matters of religion. It would seem that Quebec people found the new chalices heavy. They preferred the ones they were used to. Somewhere about this time Laurence Amyot of Quebec made a replica of the 1766 chalice. It bears his initials, but no date. And then soon after it would seem that the paten and flagon of 1766 disappeared. And for years their very existence was only a matter of surmise. It was always

felt that there must originally have been more than just two pieces of the 1766 set. But there was nothing to say what had become of them. Some thought they had been stolen, others thought they had been melted down to form the Amyot Chalice.

Last November the Rev. Thos. Millman, of Dunham, Que., came to Quebec. He preached at the Service in celebration of the 150th an-



niversary of the arrival of Bishop Jacob Mountain. He happened to mention to the Dean that when he went to Dunham, he found at Frelighsburg, one of the churches in his mission, a fine old Georgian Flagon and paten, dating 1763, and bearing the Royal Arms and Cypher. The Dean at once began to wonder whether these might not belong to the 1766 Communion Set. Mr. Millman kindly undertook to send them to Quebec for comparison. They arrived on November 8. Canon Kelley of Compton, and Mr. A. E. Williams of the Cathedral helped to unpack them. The two 1766 vessels were taken out of the safe. The marks on all four pieces were examined. They were found to be identical. The marks on each piece were 'T.H.' for Thomas Hemming, and an old English 'H', the date letter for 1763-4. All agreed that the lost pieces had been found.

That night, at a gathering of the cathedral congregation to celebrate the arrival of Bishop Mountain 150 years before, the Dean announced that the missing pieces had been found, and that a separation lasting for over a century had been happily terminated.

It is thought that Bishop Stuart, who was in charge of Frelighsburg from 1807 to 1815, may have been lent these vessels by Bishop Mountain, and that this would account for their presence in Frelighsburg.

FEBRUARY



1. Ignatius, Bishop of Antioch, Martyr, circ. 100.

2. Purification of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

6. SEPTUAGESIMA.

13. SEXAGESIMA.

14. Valentine, Bishop and Martyr, 270.

20. QUINQUAGESIMA.

24. St. Matthias, Apostle and Martyr.

27. FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT.



HAVEN

By J. W. Kennedy

MOTHERS are still anxious and upset when it is their boy who is sent over. It seems to be different somehow when it is one's own son. We can see what another mother ought to do and can understand the way she ought to feel when her boy is shipped and we attempt to console her and grow impatient if she will not be consoled. But when it comes our turn, that is a different story. I want all of us to think seriously and prayerfully of what God expects when this (whatever "this" is) happens to "me."

First we should be fairly certain by now (even if only a child) that the unexpected does come and one must be prepared to face it. This is even more obvious when the expected happens. The boy in the army of a nation at war where the theatre of action is beyond its own shores will be sent there. The only uncertainty is time. We do not know when. But most mothers and others have had time to prepare. When the event comes it cannot be a shock if they have faced it before. Of course, if they refuse to believe he will ever go across and dismiss it from their minds (they never can from their often unwise but loving hearts) it will be a terrific shock. Many mothers feel their sons will escape, they do not know exactly how. A great

many Christian mothers have been preparing for such moments all through the life-time of their sons, whom they have raised as their contributions to the world, be it much or little. In their times alone with God and His word, both written and spoken, they have stored up phrases and insights to strengthen them in time of need. It may be the 23rd Psalm memorized and repeated quietly at times of uncertainty or the words of an old hymn like "He Leadeth Me." It may have been a solid stone of belief found and held such as God is a loving Father, the universe is friendly. His laws are consistent and dependable. Unless we find and ponder and store these things when there is leisure, and do it day by day, we shall never be able to find readily the right word that acts as the key to comfort, faith and hope. There is always "So Little Time," but that little becomes much when we seize each now and tie them all together as a chain of remembrance.

Second, we should see such things as a son sent to war being fought thousands of miles away in two ways. The first is in relation to similar happenings around us. We are not isolated as an island, but a part of the common-life of mankind. We should relate then our difficulty to the whole plight of man. One mother can feel very differently when she finds millions of other mothers in exactly the same situation or worse. Keep this larger view always in sight and it will help the lonely moments when we take the second sight, this time a view of our own condition through a microscope. No matter how different it is when it is "my" son, be assured that all our love and care and concern for him is not wasted as we relive the now-more-than-ever precious moments of his life. Our most difficult task is to see that now he is beyond our personal care and that we must entrust him to God. This is hard because mothers are selfish. But it is the only way to find release and adjustment to that which is beyond our control.

One last thing. Remember that the state of his mind is easily infected by ours and that the very mark of our pens in letters reveals something far beyond the words we write. We have a job to do for his sake as well as ours, as well as for the world's.

The light enkindled in our hearts by Jesus is the light of love's faith and will shine forth in our lives today as we commit our ways and our boys into the hands of God and hold to the way Jesus established as supremely good.

"The eye is the lamp of the body." Yes, the way we look at things brings darkness or dawn.

The Southern Churchman.

"Father, hear the prayer we offer;
Not for ease that prayer shall be,
But for strength that we may ever
Live our lives courageously."

The Message of the Church to Those who are Sick

Rev. N. D. B. Larmouth

1.

Are we not limiting the power and scope of the Holy Spirit?

One of the radio news narrators in our region is popularly known as "Mr. Good Evening". He always finishes his broadcast with a cheery message to one and sundry, and wishes them a restful evening.

This week we have the privilege, the first part of the morning, to bring "Good News" to you. We are different from Mr. Good Evening, as the news he has to bring is often anything but good. Further, we intend this week to confine our Good News to the many who are sick, and to those who visit the sick. So we say: "Good Morning", we present today's Good News, Monday, August 30th, 1943.

Here is the Good News, and it is found in St. Mark's Gospel, Chapt. VI, verses 7-13. St. Luke's Gospel, Chapt. X., verses 1, 9 and 17.

What is the task of the Church to those who are sick? The task of the Church is the task of the twelve, and of the seventy who were commissioned by our blessed Lord to preach the Gospel and heal the sick. What is the message of the Church to the sick? The message is that Christ is alive and just as present by the Holy Ghost, as He was in the days of His flesh, to heal. What assurance has the Church that such is the case? The Church has the assurance of Jesus Himself, who promised that the Church would do the works He did, because He was returning to the Father. In fact, He promised that the Church would do even greater works.

A little while ago a minister in one of our sister communions, in preaching about those greater works, inferred that they meant today, the work which was being done by the doctors. We cannot agree with such a statement because we do not believe that it contains the whole truth. The doctors are instruments of the Holy Spirit, and are participants in bringing healing, which can only come from God. The whole question of the relationship of the doctors and the Church is well presented on page 5 of the handbook of the Canadian Guild of Health, which says:

"Medicine, surgery and nursing are God-given means of healing, for all healing is of God. Remember, however, that in spite of all the advance in these sciences, and the self-denying lives of some of the world's noblest men and women, who belong to these professions, that human skill and knowledge have always proved inadequate to remove the abnormal limitations and diseases of men."

All healing comes from God. The Church and doctors are both instruments of God, to bring healing. How in ignorance have we

tried to limit the power and scope of the Holy Spirit! It will be a great day when there is the happiest spirit of co-operation and fellowship between all instruments of God in the full ministry of healing. God alone can heal.

Yes, Jesus healed the sick. According to the Good News we read this morning, He commissioned the twelve and the seventy to do the same, and we read of their successes. Then Jesus returned to the Father and, on the day of Pentecost, He sent the Holy Spirit to give the Church power to do the works He did. In the Acts of the Apostles we have the answer to the question as to whether, when her Lord had ascended, the Church was able to continue such a ministry in His Name and power. The answer is all the more remarkable, because the author of the first history of the Church, himself, held the profession of a healer by material means. Again and again, from beginning to end, there occur instances of healing by the apostles similar to those recorded in the Gospels as wrought by our Lord. In the fifth chapter of St. James, instruction is given to the members of the Christian community, of what they were to do in case of sickness.

In the early centuries of the Church's history, healing was a part of her regular and constant experience. From Quadratus, the earliest Christian Apologist (A.D. 126) to St. Augustine, (A.D. 430), the testimony is constant. Father Puller, in his book 'The Anointing of the Sick in Scripture and Tradition', says, "During the first seven centuries of our era, the custom of praying over such people, and anointing them with holy oil continued without any break." We wish it were possible to say the same with regard to the Church from the eighth to the nineteenth centuries. It was a time when the ministry of healing to the people was neglected. We rejoice that a revival is taking place in some branches of the Church in the twentieth century. We pray that it may permeate the whole Church.

Now, what can we do? We ought to read our Bibles and note how Jesus healed the souls and bodies of men. Then watch Him send out The Twelve and The Seventy on the same mission. After His return to the Father, the early Church carried on the same ministry. The promises and power are available still. We have limited the scope and power of the Holy Spirit. We need to recapture the first century appreciation and knowledge of this gift. They expected great things to happen and they did.

Let us become expectant.

It is GOOD NEWS.

THE PEW POSSESSIVE

*If you can only kneel and pray
In one particular pew,*

*Don't blame the people who get in the way,—
There's something wrong with you!*

There are two schools of thought about rented pews. Some people hold that the principle is indefensible, that in a place of worship the seats should be free to all that come. And there is indeed much to be said for that point of view, especially nowadays when in too many churches the middle aisle is half-empty, while non-pewholders lurk in the back seats and the side-aisles. But there is something also to be said in favour of rented pews, for instance—pew rents! A steady trickle of revenue flows into the ever empty coffers of the Church from that dependable source and, given the right spirit among pewholders, pew rents would appear to be a legitimate source of income. There should be no harm in the very natural desire to have one's own place within the church that one attends. It makes for seamliness and order that each worshipper should, as a general rule, slip quietly into his or her accustomed place. But there's the rub—'as a general rule' and not as a law of the Medes, Persians and Pewholders! It is when the possessive spirit of ownership creeps into the rented pews that the practice becomes markedly unchristian. When, perhaps, on some special occasion the regular worshipper finds the family pew occupied by strangers and, instead of sitting contentedly in some other pew for the nonce, spends the hour of service in a fume of irritation at being 'turned out', then I think the time has come to take stock of his or her own attitude towards the seats in the House of God. We may all laugh at the indignant lady of the old story who found her pew occupied, tapped the female interloper on the shoulder and remarked acidly, "Are you Mrs. Wilberforce-Jones? because I am, and this is her pew!" You and I, on a like occasion, may refrain from making a scene, may stop short of ejecting the intruder, but if we take it out in rancour and a ruffled spirit, we are none the less displaying a strange notion of Christian Stewardship!

—Mary Greaves.

THREE THINGS

Three things I know must always be
To keep a nation strong and free:
One is a hearthstone bright and dear,
With busy, happy loved ones near;
One is a strong and ready hand,
To love and serve and keep the land;
One is a worn and beaten way,
To where the people go and pray.
So long as these are kept alive,
Nation and people will survive.
God keep them always everywhere,
The home, the flag and the place of prayer.

—Author unknown.

A BOOK TO BUY



Only books are reviewed in this column which are recommended by one of the editors and which cost one dollar or less.

The books recommended will be available at the Book Room, 604 Jarvis Street, Toronto.

F. W. Dillistone,
C. R. Feilding,
Editors.

Olga Levvertoff, *The Jews in a Christian Social Order*, 66 pages, 60 cents.

Robert Mackie, of the World's Student Christian Federation, returned recently from England and Sweden where he had wide contacts with Christian leaders and students. He reported finding a widespread conviction among Christian people that the vitality of a man's Christian faith could be discerned in his attitude to the twin problems of starvation in Europe and anti-semitism. It is interesting therefore to find this idea echoed in the book under review. "The attitude of the Christian to anti-semitism is the touchstone of his own religious belief." This sentence well summarizes Miss Levvertoff's admirable and timely book on the subject.

Olga Levvertoff has special qualifications for her task, being herself a Christian Jew, the daughter of Dr. Paul Levvertoff, priest of the Hebrew-Christian congregation in London, England, who has done a remarkable work of expressing Catholic Christianity in a Jewish idiom. In this little book Miss Levvertoff examines the philosophic background of anti-semitism, pointing out its usefulness to reactionaries for blinding the eyes of the people to the defects in the social structure which cause their suffering. She gives an interesting and devastating review of a rather pathetic apology for anti-Semitism by a German Protestant theologian, Dr. Gerhardt Kittel, contrasting it with the analysis of the same fanaticism by the famous Russian philosopher and theologian in exile, Professor Berdyaev, who sums up the problem of Christianising the Jews as one of the conversion of "Christians" to Christianity, and flatly states that "Anti-Semitism unavoidably turns into anti-Christianity. In the concluding part of her book she stresses the spiritual kinship between Jews and Christians, and attacks the false "other-worldliness" of much Christian thought and practice, insisting on the need for the Jewish emphasis on this world and on the permanent significance and importance of history as a corrective.

C. R. F.

One Hundred Years Ago

N.B. Bishopric. Collections for this fund were taken up in the churches of Saint John, N.B.—Trinity £33, St. John's £37, St. Luke's £55, St. Paul's Chapel £19. (The Church, Feb., 1844). In 1843 the S.P.G. had voted £20,000 towards the endowment of the Bishopric. The Chief Justice and other leading persons in the colony had managed to raise \$10,000 towards the same object. (To Mockridge: The Bishops of the C. of E. in Canada).

Drummondville, C.E. Died — Major-Gen. Frederick George Heriot, K.B., C.B., the hero of the engagement at Chrystler's Farm near Cornwall, in the War of 1812, the father and founder of Drummondville. (The Mercury, Quebec, which contains a biographical sketch). In 1815, Heriot ascended the St. Francis River with a detachment of soldiers and encamped on the site of the present town. He died in his mansion, "Grantham Hall", the grounds of which now form the Golf and Country Club. The English Church was named St. George and the French Church, St. Frederic, both in honour of the founder of the Town. (Feb., 1843).

St. Thomas, Montreal. On 8 Feb., 1844, Mr. Thomas Molson was thanked for having freely tendered the use of the church erected by himself to the congregation under the pastoral care of Rev. Wm. Thompson. At St. George's Chapel Bazaar, which was numerous and fashionably attended, £400 was cleared.

50 Candidates for a Vacancy. Bishop of Toronto to a clergyman in Dover, N.H. He cannot advise Mr. Johnston to come to U.C. He has fifty candidates for every vacancy. To the Rev. W. A. Adamson, who had been stationed at Amherst Island since 1841, regretting his departure from the Diocese. To the Acting Receiver General at Kingston, referring to change of seat of Government to Montreal. To John Kent, Esq., late Editor of "The Church", introducing him to the S.P.G. and S.P.C.K. in England. To the Bishop of Montreal commenting on the Bill to incorporate the Church Societies of Quebec and Toronto. To W. A. Johnston of Cayuga, referring to the extensive labours of the Rev. B. C. Hill of Grand River. Hopes to have a travelling missionary appointed soon. To the Hon. Henry J. Dunn, asking for a gift of land towards building a church in the West end of Toronto. (Strachan Papers, Feb., 1843).

Trinity Church, East Toronto. The Bishop to an overseas correspondent, giving history of the early life of the Rev. V. P. Mayerhoffer, a former R.C., referring to the church in Barrie and to the opening service of Trinity Church, Toronto. To Rev. E. Hawkins of S.P.G. recommending grants to churches at Hurontario, Vittoria, Melford and Zone. The

Bishop of Montreal to Bishop of Toronto, congratulating him on the increase of churches in Toronto, and informs him of the method of regulating Chapels in use in Quebec, is awaiting news as to what action has been taken by Parliament in respect to the Church Temporalities Bill. He objects to the appointment of inspectors of the Clergy Reserves at the rate of fifteen shilling a day, the management of these lands should be in the hands of the Church. To Sir C. T. Metcalfe protesting against changes to be made in the management and endowment of King's College by legislative action. (Strachan Papers, Feb., 1843).

Princeton. Brock District C.W. A house was purchased for the Rev. John Hickie, Bishop Stewart Travelling Missionary in Blenheim, who has baptized 230 persons during the year 1843.

Catechizing at Cobourg. Instead of the usual sermon on the 1st Sunday of the month, when Baptisms take place after the second lesson at Evening Prayer, a public catechizing of children with exposition of church doctrines has taken place. During the year 166 (including 19 adults) were baptized. The town has rapidly increased during the last two years. Lectures are given on week days at the Parochial School-house. 114 were confirmed. £85 contributed to Church Society and £350 to the fund for enlarging the church.—A. N. Bethune, in charge of St. Peter's Church.

Dundas, C.W. The new church was opened, the Rev. Jas. Beaven preaching the sermon, the Rev. Wm. McMurray being in charge. The Messrs. Hatt gave the Communion silver which came from England, 1817. ("The Church", Jan. 12, 1844). The corner-stone of the new gothic stone church of St. James was laid 3 Aug., 1841.

Prince Rupert's Land. The Bishop of Montreal, ever since the time of his Consecration in 1836, had cherished the intention of visiting the Church Missionary Society's North-West American Mission at the Red River in Prince Rupert's Land, a proposal heartily seconded by the Society. The prior claims of his own diocese interfered with the carrying out of this intention until 1842 when he fully hoped to accomplish this object but a severe illness obliged him to defer it until the year 1844. The Society then made every arrangement to facilitate the arduous but Christian undertaking. (Journal of the Bishop of Montreal during a visit to the C.M. Society's N.W. America Mission, London, 1845). The entire expense of the voyage, as well as of providing the services of an additional clergyman in the Parish of Quebec and of remunerating the clergyman who accom-

panied the Bishop as chaplain, was borne by the Society. The Governor of Prince Rupert's Land, Sir George Simpson, afforded every facility in his power. The whole undertaking was regarded by the Bishop more as a relaxation than anything else. (Memoir of G. J. Mountain).

OUR CHILDREN—AND THE GROWTH OF THE KINGDOM

To be or not to be! Whether or not the children in our Sunday Schools will be the missionary-minded church members of the future depends upon the arousing of their interest during their formative years. How very important this period in the child's training is to the future extension of the Church!

For years Pyramid Boxes have been sent to each parish for use during Lent. But the arousing of interest in the missionary work for which the money was given was left to the Sunday School superintendent and teacher.

The Pyramid Box used during Lent 1943 was supplemented by a poster showing the three fields chosen to receive the children's offering. In addition to this, background and story material on those three fields was prepared for use by the teachers. Judging by the large number of story sets purchased and, we hope, used, many thousands of children should be another step along the way toward intelligent, well-informed interest in the missionary enterprise of their Church.

The children's Lenten gift to missions, as reported, in 1942 was \$11,484.00; in 1943, \$15,520.75. The amounts are very incomplete but they seem to indicate that there is already a good groundwork of missionary interest in our children. They are sharing substantially in the spreading of the "Good News".

LENT 1944

The objects of the children's Lenten Offering are:

The work of our schools in India
St. Luke's Hospital, Hebron, Palestine
Pacific Coast Missions

A poster has been prepared to help keep these constantly before the children.

TEACHERS! We have again prepared sets of stories on the above objects covering the six weeks of Lent; a set each for Primary, 6-8 years; Junior, 9-11; Intermediate, 12-14. Each set is ten cents. These stories could be used by the superintendent at the beginning or at the end of the session or for mid-week activities.

Please try by every means available to build into the future life of the Church the interest and devotion of the children in your care.

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BOYS AND GIRLS AT PRAYER



A second effort on the part of the M.S.C.C. to enlist the interest and prayer support of our boys and girls, is the prayer leaflet "Boys and Girls at Prayer". Over 6,000 children, chiefly in Sunday School groups, have been using this leaflet during the past year. A short missionary prayer for each day of the week with a very brief bit of information and several illustrations comprise the folder.

The purpose of this junior prayer fellowship is threefold:

1. Prayer on behalf of the larger work of the Church;
2. The arousing of interest in the missionary work of the Church;
3. The developing of their prayer life.

Do you use "BOYS AND GIRLS AT PRAYER" in your Sunday School?

Sample copies will be sent upon request. The subscription rates are very low: ten cents a year for single subscription; fifty cents a year for twelve copies sent to one address, and one dollar a year for fifty copies to one address.

Please send subscriptions or enquiries to:

The Secretary, "Boys and Girls at Prayer", Church House, 604 Jarvis St., Toronto 5, Ont.

LENT CHALLENGES US

(Continued from page 7)

we see the depth of things. At the cross, if we can catch the passion that beats there, we shall catch the meaning of life itself. The answer to the riddle of God is Christ. The answer to the riddle of Christ is the cross. And the answer to the riddle of the cross is the world's salvation. If we lose this key to life we stumble and fall. To avoid this, Lent comes to our aid providing us with a "heart-touch", a vision of the cross of Christ, which brings us the knowledge of the divine. There we see His veins opened that His life might flow into us. He pours His rich, full, holy life into the withered moral and spiritual veins of the whole sin-wounded world.

The inner strength of His life, so pure, so holy, so divine is available to you and me. So the way of the cross leads us into the lanes of a new tomorrow. It is the light and way of civilization. That cross is invincible! So around it this Lent we sing "Of Christ our Offering, of Christ our Living King", all the while endeavouring to respond to the Lenten four-fold call to attack sin, reconsider grace, reevaluate redemption, and catch the vision of the cross. There we answer the challenge: "Christ, lead on! We follow so that we may be brought to the glory of Thy resurrection."



Home Horizons

By Charity Mauger

The Women's Institute—which to Brigid and me is the complement of the women's national church organizations in linking up the most powerful instrument for good in our land—has been working for a year or more on a grand scheme for the preservation of community records. Because the wife of a former Governor-General, Lady Tweedsmuir, was instrumental in working up sufficient interest in the idea the records are known as the Tweedsmuir Village Books, and she has written a foreword. But long before the plan took national shape a faithful W. I. member in Miss Applebe, of Georgetown, did a great deal in her own community, and encouraged other communities at the various conventions to do likewise for theirs. Her method was very similar to the one proposed by Lady Tweedsmuir, and which, it is to be hoped is being very generally followed.

Each community is naturally bound up with the life of its earliest families and individuals. So the proposal is that the most historically minded should set down all that he or she knows personally, or has been told by older members, or set down in family records. The Tweedsmuir Books are loose-leaf and the narrators transfer the story to its pages. One would suppose that eventually there must be considerable condensing and editing as far as records are available, but in the meantime it will save for posterity much valuable information, that is being forever lost with each departing generation. Priceless material has been allowed to go unrecorded; in the memory of many of us there was living touch with our actual pioneers, U. E. L. and others, and stories which were told by the very old to the young were, in both instances, at the best time from memory.

The old record long-away pictures clearly; the young retain word pictures vividly. But those young became old and went their way without doing more than the occasional anecdote;—"I remember Granny telling," or "Auntie told me when I was a little girl," which no one thought important enough to take down. What a pity!

These local records cannot be expected to be rigidly accurate, but they often can bring life and colour to known incidents. And locally they are always enjoyed. I remember a descendant of one of our own neighbourhood story-tellers paying heed to such good purpose as to publish long years after, and many years ago, a little book "Grandmother's Knitting". And Grandmother was a child in pre-Loyalist days. One of her sad tales was of a bride-to-be who set out to make the long sail on a woodboat to the river's mouth, where she could buy a few pretties, such as would be permitted her in a Puritan family, and while on the way she died without warning. Or so the story remains from my long ago when it aroused much pity.

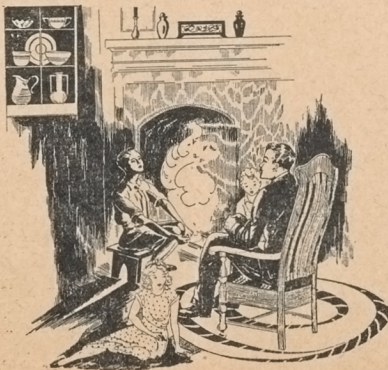
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KNITTING SOCKS

We do take so many interesting things for granted. For instance who ever thought of wondering how long socks and stockings have

been in use in their present form? It was The Home-maker who brought home our ignorance on the subject, by reprinting a note from a little English magazine Fanfare which is well worth reading. So here it is:

In the Victoria and Albert Museum there is a pair of red sandal socks dated the fourth century, and the heel has been turned! These socks were found in Egypt but must have belonged to some Roman lady visiting that land long ago, and there she must have



died and her socks were buried with her. The knitting is perfect. The heel, too, is perfect, and the knitter has even encased the big toe, in the same way that a separate division is made for the thumb on a pair of mittens, in order to allow the thong of the sandal to pass between the big toe and encircle the ankle. It is a wonderful specimen and shows how the technique of decreasing and increasing, dividing the stitches, and picking up were all well understood in those long ago days."

Now, every time a heel is turned, think how many heels have been put into socks since that beautifully knitted red pair of the fourth century. It opens up quite a train of divergent ideas,—the handicraft way, the mechanized course, the various human emotions which have brought each era of the ages, and the reversion of man to the lowest levels if he surrenders to the plausible appeal of the forces of evil as the German youth when groping in darkness. Would that the forces for good had a better organized and greater appeal ready for the keen alive minds all over the world, who, so often, are forced to the conclusion that peace can never offer the stimulation of war. Would that we might knit a pair of socks for each demobilized soldier of all the forces of all the lands into which we would entangle magic, a magic which, while the wearer walked about in those socks, would lead him to the necessary things which must be done, would show him the charm of the simple things of life, would point out that nationality might mean varying customs and tongues but also fundamentals in common, especially virtues in common to all. By the time the magic socks were worn out, we would be safely started on the right road, and the heritage for those who must take over the building of the future, would be ever lighter and brighter.

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PARKIN

A young cousin of mine is in the Merchant Navy, and remembering his abnormal fondness for molasses I wondered if I could find for him a small tin, which he could have as a dainty for the mess, or if I could make him molasses cookies, or, better for the special purpose, perhaps, parkin which had exceptional keeping qualities. My decided opinion on molasses has already been given in this space, as has also our family receipt for "woolly" molasses cookies, which were soft, and thick, and always to be found in a tall gray stone jar with a blue band, one high handle broken, and a saucer for a cover.

I was able to get some molasses at our own friendly shop, but it was like no other molasses I had ever seen from this reputable old maritime firm, whose product had filled our five-gallon jug so many times in the past. To begin with this was in a parchment container, and was labelled Family Brand, for cooking. This certainly smelled suspicious, and, on opening, the real smell as well as the colour confirmed the suspicions. If it wasn't genuine blackstrap it was only one thin layer

removed. But it sweetened, and darkened, brown bread acceptably and may be suitable for parkin of sorts.

After searching every known source for a parkin receipt, there it was just where you have probably already decided,—in Mrs. Beaton. And it is well worth having for your men, both at home and abroad, who like molasses, when you can get it. Here it is: **Ingredients**—2 lbs. of fine oatmeal, 1½ lbs. of molasses (it suggests golden syrup, but I don't endorse the idea), 3 ozs. of butter or lard, or shortening; 2 ozs. of brown sugar, ½ oz. ginger, milk. **Method**—Warm the molasses until thin liquid and add it to the butter, oatmeal, sugar and ginger which have been well rubbed together. Rinse the molasses container out with a little milk (beer is suggested as better) and thin with enough milk to make the dough soft enough to drop with difficulty from a spoon. Spread in bake pans thin enough to cut into squares when baked, and slightly cooled. Cook until firm to touch in centre of pan. When cold and stored in tins the parkin will keep a long time, so excellent for sending overseas. A Scot friend who in the long ago used to make parkin of which I enjoyed a share, put the finishing touch to hers by pushing whole blanched almonds into them, and I think it must have been after cooking.

The fine, or Scotch, or pinpoint oatmeal is sometimes obtainable but ordinary rolled oats or groats put through the meat or coffee grinder will do. This recipe should be halved for ordinary home consumption.

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FOR THE SECOND MILE

One of our friends, who is exceptionally gifted and talented, surprised us recently by making the simple statement that her life was very empty. For all the years her family was growing up she lived a domestic life which always put the home and its duties, down to the most humdrum detail, before her public career. One by one the children went their way, but it became easier to give more attention to fewer, than to turn to the other existence. Not that she did not busy herself with outside interests. She had sprung with fresh enthusiasm to the aid of many causes, and worked tirelessly and beyond her strength, but that did not seem to satisfy the creative urge which her talent would have spent in her own line of work.

Finally the last daughter married and went her way. The husband was absorbed in his profession, and required most of all isolated quiet, with occasional intervals for food. Now should have been the time for our friend to gather up the broken bits of her career, which had never seemed to her as important as her children, but now seemed the natural outlet. But so far at least nothing seems gripping. It is a state of mind which many will recognize, and will have a sympathetic understanding as well. Women of creative artistic power should not suppress it entirely and subjugate everything else in life to domesticity. If they do

they are left bereft and empty, unless there is still time to plunge into the artistic life in reality, not just in make-believe fashion.

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DESULTORY, BUT EFFECTIVE

The doctor's stern edict has suspended our reading aloud, leaving Gertrude Bell on her way around the world about 1902, and Eve Curie in the very Lebanon of two years back, which had received their promise of independence that is now causing embarrassment. We nibble at Digests and headings and the odd article and letter from people abroad, who are supposed to know a great deal, and, used with circumspection, the radio is a wonderful medium between the world and the isolated individual of reasonable intelligence. We realize as never before how much we are the product of the minds of those whom we chose as mental leaders, and how much effect well-calculated propaganda in persistent doses can mould opinion.

No one could find better reading at the present time than the speeches of General Smuts, which are being carried quite freely in all newspapers.

General Smuts, who proudly wears among his ribbons the decoration of the Boer Government for his good fighting against the British, is probably the outstanding Commonwealth leader now, and thinks the setup of the Commonwealth the best pattern for a peacetime world, thinks we are fighting the last war, and that we are living in the greatest age since creation. If so a great responsibility faces all of us, the pattern of our peacetime role must be defined and tested and proclaimed without ceasing.

THE ROMAN CHURCH PAYS TRIBUTE TO WORK OF EARLY CHURCH OF ENGLAND MISSIONARIES

A high tribute has been paid by the Oblates of Mary the Immaculate to the work of early missionaries of the Church of England among the Cree Indians. A request has recently been received from the headquarters of this Order in Ottawa for six copies of "A Dictionary of the Cree Language" which is a memorial to the Ven. John A. Mackay, D.D., who spent sixty-two years in 'vigorous service for the salvation and uplift of the Cree Indians in Saskatchewan and Manitoba, and by whose diligent work this and other translations into the Cree language have been made possible'. The foundation for this work of translation was laid by Rev. E. A. Watkins, a Church Missionary Society, London, missionary in 1865, and has been 'revised, enriched and brought up to date' by the late Archdeacon Mackay, Archdeacon Faries and others who have given of their best among the Crees.

The Missionary Society of the Church of England in Canada deems it a high privilege to be able to present to the Oblates of Mary the Immaculate six copies of this memorial Cree-English dictionary which represents the service and devotion of so many of its faithful missionaries.

ECUMENICAL SERVICE OF WORSHIP IN HAMILTON CATHEDRAL

A service of unusual interest and of moving significance was held in Christ Church Cathedral on the evening of December 8th, under the auspices of the Hamilton Council of Churches. It was an ecumenical service, in which representatives of many Christian communions joined together in worship. In the chancel stalls were clergy and ministers of the Anglican, Baptist, Evangelical, Greek, Lutheran, Presbyterian and United Churches, and officers of the Salvation Army. The Rev. John Mutch, M.A., D.D., President of the Hamilton Council of Churches, led in the opening prayers; the Lesson was read by the Rev. J. H. Reble, D.D., President of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Canada; the Thanksgiving was led by the Rev. P. P. W. Zieman, B.A., B.D., Minister of James Street Baptist Church; and the Intercession by the Very Rev. Wm. Barclay, D.D., representing the Moderator of the Presbyterian Church in Canada.

The Dean of Niagara, the Very Rev. R. H. Waterman, M.A., D.D., Rector of the Cathedral, was director of ceremonies, and the Bishop of Niagara, the Rt. Rev. L. W. B. Broughall, M.A., D.D., extended a cordial welcome to clergy and worshippers. The Bishop is Chairman of the World Council of Churches Canadian Committee.

The preacher for the occasion was the Right Rev. J. R. P. Sclater, M.A., D.D., Moderator of the United Church of Canada. His text was Ezra 4: 3, "We ourselves together will build unto the Lord". He dwelt on both the diversity and the unity of the Church, and made a strong plea for co-operative Christian effort in Canada and throughout the world.

The service was closed with prayer and the benediction by the Bishop of Niagara.

THERE ARE NO DELINQUENT CHILDREN

That there are delinquent parents, but not children to whom this adjective should be applied, is the opinion of Chicago's Rabbi Mann, a liberal Jew, who has been honoured for his social activities by Washington on several occasions. In his modern Sunday School he uses latest educational theories and thinks that it is not too important to know who Abraham's grandfather was provided his 600 boys and girls can learn to live normal happy useful lives. He believes in the Big Brother Movement and says that, if he had nine lives, he should be a pastor nine times. (Time).

MILITARY RELIGIOUS PILGRIMAGES

Tours of the Holy Land conducted by chaplains have become so popular with the U.S. Army in Cairo that they have to be booked weeks in advance. It is only a 350 mile rail-trip to Bethlehem and costs \$30.00. Christ's Road to Calvary, the Garden of Gethsemane, the Mosque and the Temple are the popular sights in Jerusalem. (Time).

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Those who read the first Lenten Book issued by the Church in Canada were greatly helped by Father Palmer's treatment of the "Good News". They will be equally pleased and encouraged by Professor Coggan's book "A People's Heritage" which is the Second Canadian Lenten Book. It deals with the New Testament, especially some of the Epistles which reveal St. Paul as the Missionary, the Thinker and the Churchman. It is a book of 128 pages, each one full of interest and information. It is a marvel of cheapness in such a time as this. Cloth 75c; Paper 60c.



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carry forward this work well done, and make, under God's blessing, this Church have a greater impact upon the life of the people in this area. There is a wide open door, and we must bear our witness.

We were glad to welcome new members on the Vestry, Mr. and Mrs. M. Anderson, also Mrs. Jeans and Mrs. Johnston. Mr. Dallamore is People's Warden, and Mr. Camroux is Rector's Warden.

ST. MARY'S

THE REV. A. ELLIOTT

W.A.

The Annual Meeting of the W.A. was held in the Parish Hall on January 10th, with a splendid attendance. The following officers were elected:

Honorary Presidents, Mrs. A. Elliott, Mrs. J. Gee, Mrs. M. Derbyshire.
President, Mrs. Croft.
First Vice-President, Mrs. C. Robinson.
Second Vice-President, Mrs. P. Orriss.
Secretary, Mrs. R. Collier.
Treasurer, Mrs. C. Gittins.
Junior Superintendent, Mrs. G. Galpin (pro tem).

Little Helpers Secretary, Mrs. H. Cuff.
Dorcas Secretary, Mrs. M. Brown.
Assistant Dorcas Secretary, Mrs. H. M. Nicholls.
Social Service, Mrs. E. H. Pallister.
U.T.O. and E.C.D., Mrs. E. Bradshaw.
"Living Message" and "Church Messenger", Mrs. M. E. Anderson.
Flower Fund, Mrs. E. World.
Educational Secretary, Mrs. C. Baines.
Reporter, Mrs. C. Robinson.
Red Cross, Mrs. R. Evans.
Hospital Visitor, Mrs. W. Kent, assisted by Mrs. R. Evans.

The Vicar gave a short talk thanking the members for their splendid co-operation and assistance during the past year, and urging them to go forward even to higher things, both spiritually and financially, in the year to follow.

Annual Church Meeting

Our Annual Meeting was held on January 27th, in the Church Hall. We were pleased to have so many present, especially the younger men of our congregation.

Very satisfactory reports were read from the various branches on the work of the Church, and the Treasurer showed a balance on hand at the end of the year.

The Bishop called during the evening and gave a short talk on what he would like to see accomplished in the near future as to improvements on our Church building.

At the conclusion tea was served and a very pleasant social hour was enjoyed by all present.

Junior Choir

Shortly after Christmas, Mrs. Elliott entertained the members of the Junior Choir at her home, when there were about fourteen present. Games were played during the evening, after which lunch was served, and all went home happy but reluctant to end such a pleasant party.

ST. LUKE'S, EDMONTON

CANON W. H. HATFIELD

The Annual Parochial Meeting was held on Tuesday, January 11th, at 8 p.m. Canon W. H. Hatfield presiding.

The People's Warden presented the financial statement, which showed very considerable progress had been made, and, as usual, the year finished with no liabilities.

At the previous Annual Meeting it was decided all receipts should come through direct giving **only**. This venture of faith proved very satisfactory indeed, and it was unanimously decided to carry on the same way in future. The revenue through the offertories worked out at nearly \$50.00 per annum for each family supporting the Church. Over \$400.00 was received for Missions, and during the year the Vicar had, in co-operation with the Vestry, given his services one Sunday a month to the Parish of Winfield, which at present is without a resident priest. It was felt that this was also a contribution to the missionary work of the Diocese.

A bountiful Christmas Gift Service enabled us to send two large hampers to one of our country Parishes where, in spite of war-created prosperity, there are still those who are in need. Considerable assistance has also been given to Social Service work in the Parish. Donations have been made to the Chinese Relief, Greek Relief, Milk for Britain Fund and S. P. G. for work for the Blind.

Under able spiritual leadership we have humbly endeavored to carry out as far as possible the command, "Bear ye one another's burdens and so fulfil the law of Christ".

It was decided to continue with the Study Group which during the past session studied the Social Service Council Bulletins. The discussions at these meetings have been found quite helpful.

Reports were received from the different auxiliary organizations, and showed encouraging results.

The following officers were elected:

Vicar's Warden, J. A. Wills.
People's Warden, A. C. Taylor.
Vestry, Messrs. J. A. Wills, A. C. Taylor, G. F. Wittingback, F. Clark, R. E. Meakins, H. Dicconson, Mrs. Barker and Miss F. Beeby.

Delegates to Synod, Messrs. J. A. Wills, A. C. Taylor and G. F. Wittingback. Substitutes, F. Clark and H. Dicconson.

The Vicar thanked the officers and congregation for their co-operation and loyalty.

A very happy meeting closed with an enthusiastic vote of thanks to Mr. and Mrs. Hatfield for the great spiritual help they had brought to so many of us in the Parish of St. Luke's during their fifteen years with us.

W.A.

At the Annual Meeting of St. Luke's W.A. the yearly reports were read. For the first time, all financial obligations (pledges, Dorcas work, etc.) had been met by direct giving,

and this was definitely a success. A monthly devotional meeting was held under Canon Hatfield's direction, using our study work, and this has meant much to the success of the organization, as a spiritual and guiding uplift. The attendance had decreased a little during the year, but the roll call showed a membership of 18. The new officers for 1944 were elected as follows:

Honorary President, Mrs. S. Blitch.
 President, Mrs. W. H. Barker.
 Vice-President, Miss D. Holden.
 Secretary, Mrs. A. Wills.
 Treasurer, Mrs. V. Journeau.
 Junior Girls, Mrs. W. H. Coghill.
 Little Helpers, Mrs. F. Coles.
 Dorcas Secretary, Mrs. J. Goodwin.
 "Living Message," Mrs. F. Fazackerley.
 Extra-Cent-a-Day United Thank-Offering,
 Mrs. W. H. Hatfield.
 Prayer Partner, Mrs. F. Beeby.

CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST RIFE

Right Rev. Bishop Barfoot, assisted by Rev. H. Jones, celebrated the Holy Communion of Christmas at St. John the Baptist on Sunday, December 19th. The Church was decorated with holly and evergreen and fresh flowers were on the altar. The Church was filled with the faithful members of the congregation, who had gathered at this season to hear a message from their Bishop, whose visits are so much appreciated.

The W.A. met on December 18th at the home of Mrs. Dan Smith. Mrs. W. Hillman and Mrs. R. White were hostesses in providing lunch. All members but one were present, and there was one visitor, Mrs. C. Corbett. Bishop Barfoot and Mr. Jones were present, and the Bishop gave a most enjoyable and informal talk on the message of Christmas.

The January meeting will be at the home of Mrs. Alex. Ross.

Flight Sergeant R. Press (R.C.A.F.) spent a New Year's leave with his family at Rife.

The Rev. H. Jones, of Viking, very kindly came down by train on Friday and read morning prayer in St. John the Baptist on Sunday, January 16th. The congregation was well represented in numbers, and a very pleasing sermon was heard.

The Vestry met after the service and with a \$20 donation from a benefactress of our Church, and the balance to be donated by the W.A. President, Mrs. Destrulie, as funds, decided to purchase a new furnace for St. John the Baptist.

The W.A. met at the home of Mrs. Alex. Ross on January 15th. There were nine members and three visitors present. We were very pleased to welcome a new member, Mrs. Corbett, who was present, and another new member, Mrs. Peart. Mrs. C. Harland will be hostess for the next meeting to be held on February 19th.

While in Rife the Rev. H. Jones was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Hill.

Friends of Mrs. P. Lewes, of Gurneysville, are sorry to hear that she is in hospital at Bonnyville.

GLENDON

We had another visit from the Rev. H. J. Jones on the 16th inst., when he held service in the Norwegian Lutheran Church between services at Rife and Ashmont. The attendance was not large, but we are glad to know that we are "Not Forgotten".

We are indeed grateful to the Right Rev. Dr. Iverson, Superintendent of Norwegian Lutheran Missions in Western Canada, to the Rev. Theodore Bergee, Pastor of the Glendon Church, and to the local Board of Trustees, for their courtesy in allowing us the use of the Glendon Church. They refuse to accept anything by way of rental.

The Third Sunday of the month comes around all too seldom, but we are kept in touch with our Church by the Sunday broadcasts of services from the Edmonton Churches, to which we are pleased to listen.

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ST. CATHERINE'S CHURCH, EDSON

THE REV. W. DE V. A. HUNT

The W.A. held their annual meeting on Jan. 6th, the following officers were elected: Mrs. G. Harrison, Pres.; Mrs. Gregg, Vice-President; Mrs. Whelpley, Secretary; Mrs. Tucker, Treasurer; Mrs. White, Prayer Partner; Mrs. J. K. Wilson, Little Helpers; Mrs. Blue, United Thank Offering; Mrs. Laurence; Educational Secretary. For most of the above, it is a matter of continuation in office.

There was no report in December. The Christmas Eve service was very well attended as usual; the Carol service on the following Sunday not so well. The Sunday School put on some Nativity Tableaux during the week before Christmas. Due to the strenuous efforts of the Rev. W. Hunt, Mrs. Buck, Mrs. Dakin and others, these tableaux were very beautifully portrayed, and they were much enjoyed by a large audience. Lunch was served afterwards by the W.A., and the Christmas tree celebrated as usual. Mr. Thorpe made a very lively Santa Claus.

Confirmation classes are continuing, and Mrs. Graham, one of our teachers, has kindly consented to take over the Junior Branch of the Girls' W.A.

The Congregational Meeting will be held on Monday, January 31st.

ST. MARY'S, JASPER

THE REV. T. C. B. BOON

Nature, on Christmas Eve, provided a perfect setting for the Midnight Celebration. The snow fell gently in large flakes, the air was mild, and the brightly lit Church made a perfect picture. There was a large congregation, and we had fifty-six communicants. The Christmas morning service was quite well attended, and so were the services on the Sunday. We were glad to welcome a number of men from the Lodge. The old custom of a

CHURCH MESSENGER

Watch Night service on New Year's Eve was revived this year, and there was a fair attendance.

The Sunday School held its Christmas Party on December 29th, and the children had a happy time under the direction of Mrs. Cleveland, assisted by the teachers and some of the members of the W.A. In the evening, we had a Parish Social, which everybody enjoyed. An unusually good programme had been arranged by Messrs. Snape and Heckley. Need we say that refreshments were provided and served by the W.A.

During the Week of Prayer joint services were held in the United Church on the Wednesday, and in St. Mary's on the Friday evening. The Vicar spoke at the former and the Rev. N. D. McInnes at the latter.

At the morning service on January 9th we had a large number of visitors, including eight seamen of the R.C.N., who sang lustily.

The Annual Meeting of the W.A. was held on January 12th in the Parish Hall, and reports indicated a very successful year. Mrs. J. H. Jackson was again elected as President. Mrs. Wachter enters upon her sixteenth year as Treasurer. We feel this is quite a record.

The Annual Meeting of the Church held on 17th January was preceded by an excellent supper, arranged by members of the W.A. under the leadership of Mrs. Jackson. It is a constant source of astonishment to us in these days of rationing that these ladies can so persistently provide lunches, teas and suppers, but we are most grateful for their ever-ready co-operation. It would have been pleasant and encouraging for more to have stayed after the supper to the meeting itself, but those who did learnt that, in spite of difficulties, the Church had had a good year. The Vicar again nominated Mr. Cleveland as his Warden, and Mr. Coupland was re-elected People's Warden. The new Vestry is Messrs. J. B. Snape, J. L. Horsfall, J. Heckley, T. Morris, W. Boothe, G. Pugh, G. Skett, W. B. Rutledge, and Mesdames J. H. Jackson, Jackman, Popey and Wachter. An appeal was made for new envelope subscribers, to which there has been already an encouraging response.

On January 20th, an Admission Service was held in the Church for new members of the Junior branch of the W.A. Fifteen girls attended to receive their cards, and the other three were unable to be present. The Vicar spoke to the girls on the subject of their pledges.

The Men's Club had an excellent meeting the same evening, when Mr. W. H. Dixon, President of the Jasper Branch of the Canadian Legion, spoke on the subject of "Rehabilitation of the Men of the Armed Forces." Interest was keen, discussion lively, and the formation of a Citizens' Committee, representing all organized interest in this district, to build up sound public opinion on the matter, initiated.

Our three "small appendix cases," Marjorie Lewis, Margaret Brady and Ileane Rutledge, are all well on the road to recovery, and Raymond Rutledge is getting along nicely, too.

The congregation was deeply grieved at the sudden death of Mrs. O'Hagan, and its sym-

pathy for the Doctor and his family is sincere. Mrs. O'Hagan will be greatly missed in Jasper. She and the Doctor have been so much a part of Jasper for so many years and such good friends to all of us, that in a very real sense we share his sorrows.

The Vicar was elected as a Member of the Jasper School Trustees at its meeting on January 18th.

THE WABAMUN MISSION

THE REV. F. A. PEAKE

The priest-in-charge made his monthly visit to the mission during January 20th-23rd. The first service was held on the Thursday evening at St. Andrew's, Fallis. Although the congregation was not quite so large as usual the enthusiasm of those present made up for it. A few of the boys were quite keen for some sort of organization, so next time Fr. Peake comes we are going to see what can be done.

From Fallis he went across the frozen lake to Seba and then next morning to Tomahawk with Miss Camp, picking up two families on the way. Holy Communion was celebrated at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Harrison, and afterwards William Robert Millar was made a member of Christ's Holy Church by baptism. No service had been held at Tomahawk for some months, and the people were most grateful that the priest was able to get through. On the way back he had the experience (surely unusual in mid-January) of being stuck in the mud, but was rescued therefrom by the good offices of Mr. Jim Millar and a team.

The annual congregational meeting at St. Matthew's, Duffield, was held on Saturday evening. Mr. F. Rowe was appointed Vicar's Warden, and the following officers elected: People's Warden, Mr. T. Rowe; Lay Delegate to Synod, Mr. A. Tyrrell; Members of the Vestry, Mrs. Luckett, and Messrs. A. I. Tyrrell and R. J. Porter. The Holy Eucharist was celebrated in the Church the following morning.

At St. Aidan's, Rexboro, Evensong was said on Sunday afternoon with a fair congregation, and the annual meeting held afterwards. Mr. H. T. Smith was appointed Vicar's Warden, and Mr. S. Morris elected People's Warden. Messrs. A. Wood and E. W. Langord, and Mesdames Margerison, A. Morrison and H. T. Smith were elected to the Vestry. Miss L. Camp, of the S.S. by P., consented to act as auditor.

The week-end came to a close with an unexpectedly well attended Evensong in Wabamun Church, after which a short meeting was held in the Mission House. Owing to the very small number of Church people resident in Wabamun, it was decided, for the time being at least, to follow the custom of recent years in dispensing with a Vestry.

THE ONOWAY MISSION

THE REV. F. A. PEAKE

We were very glad to have the Rev. Hywel Jones with us to take the Sung Eucharist on the first Sunday of the New Year, in the absence of the Vicar at Clandonald.

The people of Stettin had their monthly

celebration of Holy Communion on January 25th, but judging by the attendance the majority had not scrutinized their service lists very carefully! Incidentally, the Kalendar covering the period Epiphany to Easter has just been posted to all whose names are on the Parish mailing list.

The Brookdale W.A. had its annual meeting on January 6th. A successful year was reported and the following officers elected:

President, Mrs. F. Roberts.
Vice-President, Mrs. Moffatt.
Secretary-Treasurer, Mrs. Brandt.
Educational Secretary, Mrs. Camplin.

The Parish Church W.A. had its annual meeting in the following week, when the following were elected:

President, Mrs. Carson.
Vice-President, Mrs. Parker, who is also the Educational Secretary.

Secretary-Treasurer, Mrs. Dales.
Prayer Partner, Mrs. J. Turnbull.
Dorcas Secretary, Mrs. Dixon.
Little Helpers, Mrs. J. Mills.
J.W.A. Leader, Miss E. Turnbull.

Both branches intend to commence the new book, "On this Foundation," at the next meeting.

The Annual Congregational meeting was held in the Parish Hall on January 27th. The Vicar, in his first annual report, made special reference to the importance of youth work, and proposed two schemes for its revival. The present apathy, he said, was due to "the parents who, with notable exceptions, seem abjectly indifferent towards their children's spiritual and moral welfare." Mr. J. W. Turnbull was appointed Vicar's Warden, and Mr. Harry Galliford elected People's Warden.

The Rural Deanery of Vermilion

ST. SAVIOUR'S W.A., VERMILION

THE VEN. W. LEVERSEDGE

The Annual Meeting of the W.A. was held on January 13th, with a full turnout of members. All reports showed splendid co-operation and work well done. All financial obligations were met, and the Dorcas quota filled, thanks to the sewing done by members on ten dresses, and donations of a quilt and three middies by individual members, and help towards the shoe money by the Happy Hour Group. We are very sorry that, owing to sickness, Mrs. Leversedge has had to resign from the offices of Educational and Living Message Secretary and Flower Fund. We miss her, and hope she will continue to improve and soon be well enough to be with us again. All other officers were returned by acclamation.

President, Mrs. Rogan.
First Vice-President, Mrs. G. Williams.
Second Vice-President, Mrs. Morrison.
Secretary, Mrs. Lambert.
Treasurer and "Living Message", Mrs. Reid.
Dorcas Secretary, Miss Bury.
Little Helpers, Mrs. Lambert.

Educational Secretary and Flower Fund, Mrs. Williams.

V.T.O., Mrs. Scott.

The first business meeting of the year was held on January 20th, and plans were made for February activities. The Dorcas quota for 1944 was accepted. The Treasurer reported all calendars sold. We have started the year with a nice balance in the bank, and several members paid their year's subscriptions.

CHRIST'S CHURCH, MANNVILLE

Annual meetings take up a great part of January. We are thankful that weather has been so mild, as we remember other Annual Meetings when the thermometer was trying just how far down it could go.

For the third successive year our congregational meeting was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Mercer, January 19th. We had a very good attendance, with the majority of town families represented. All reports of activities during 1943 were very gratifying. In addition to meeting all obligations in full to the Diocese for stipend, pension and apportionment, work to the extent of approximately \$700.00 was put on the vicarage. The greater part of the Parish share of \$500.00 has already been met. The W.A.'s of Mannville, Innisfree, Wilberforce, the Ladies' Community Club of Chailey, and the ladies of Stellaville congregation raised an additional \$80.00 for marbleum floor covering.

Sunday School report showed that there were 23 pupils, mostly in the primary classes. We are in need of one or two new teachers. Teacher Training examinations had been taken in New Testament and Teaching Method, with candidates securing five first divisions and one second.

New additional equipment is required. The Girls' Auxiliary have donated \$5.00 as a start toward providing this material. Two teachers joined the R.C.A.F. (W.D.) during the year. The Choir has rendered valuable service under the capable leadership of Mrs. Arnold. They have been present at weddings, funeral services, and made two trips to outside points, Innisfree and Wilberforce. The annual meeting and social evening was held at the vicarage on the 26th. Vivian Croft continues as President, Mrs. Larcombe Secretary. Mrs. E. A. Mercer, Mrs. W. G. Slee are Librarians.

The Vestry for 1944: Mr. H. Arnold, Vicar's Warden; Mr. E. D. Wright, People's Warden; Mr. E. A. Mercer, Secretary; Messrs. J. Croft, W. G. Slee, G. Pemberton, E. Manz, D. J. Burch.

At the annual meeting of the W.A. held at Mrs. R. Johnston's, January, the following officers were elected: President, Mrs. J. B. Burch; Vice-Presidents, Mrs. J. McLuckie, Mrs. H. Arnold; Secretary-Treasurer, Mrs. A. E. Williams; Dorcas Secretary, Mrs. A. Rutherford; Little Helpers, Mrs. R. Bennett; Prayer Partners Secretary, Mrs. S. J. Bell; Junior Auxiliary, Mrs. D. J. Burch.

The new Girls' Auxiliary officers are: Grace Taber, President; Muriel Ewers, Vice-President; Eva Ewers, Secretary; Eileen Thompson, Dorcas Secretary.

Our congregations have been very good of late, though we have to admit that there is a special reason. The United Church minister, the Rev. K. C. McLeod, has been on holiday, and, as the church was closed, the people (a fairly large number) have joined with us in our evening services. We appreciate this friendly gesture.

Burial

Funeral service was held January 14th, in Christ Church, Mannville, for Mrs. S. Hinton, of Salteaux. Mrs. Hinton had resided in the district for over thirty years. A faithful Church member of St. Helen's, Stellaville, Mrs. Hinton will be greatly missed by her many friends. Interment was in the Mannville cemetery.

ST. ALBAN'S, CHAILLEY

St. Alban's congregational meeting was held January 9th, after the regular service. Here again a very fine record was shown, with the members of the Ladies' Community Club giving valuable aid. In addition to meeting all regular obligations, stipend, apportionment and pension, the ladies help with the Rectory Fund, and flooring in the vicarage.

The new Vestry is as follows: Vicar's Warden, Mr. W. R. Cornish; People's Warden, Mr. T. Rostron; Messrs. R. H. Scott, A. G. Ewers, Mrs. R. H. Scott, Mrs. W. R. Cornish, Mrs. Wm Coulter, Mrs. H. Thomas, Mrs. D. Norman.

We are sorry to lose Mrs. J. Grandrick and family from this district. They have moved to the city, and will be in the Parish of Holy Trinity.

ST. MARY'S, VEGREVILLE

The Annual Meeting was held in the Church on the evening of January 12th. Reports were given by the Vicar, Vicar's Warden, People's Warden, the Secretary-Treasurer of the W.A., and the Little Helpers Secretary.

St. Mary's Vegreville, is receiving two services per month, one Matins, and one Holy Communion, with visits and other special services as the need arises. The congregation is to be commended on a very encouraging showing this year. There was a good average attendance at services, and all financial obligations were paid in full. The parish appreciates the help given by Archdeacon Tackaberry in his canvass during the year.

Plans are being made to paint and repair the Church during this coming summer. The vicarage is rented to a reliable tenant, and already has had much needed attention to the interior.

The W.A. have continued their work, keeping up with their pledge, Dorcas, and other efforts, and have quite a substantial balance in the exchequer. Mrs. D. Hughes is President, Mrs. C. Hayter Secretary-Treasurer, and Mrs. J. Rogers Little Helpers Secretary.

The Vestry this year includes Mr. J. Rogers, Vicar's Warden; Mr. T. M. Bennett, People's Warden; Messrs. C. Hayter, D. W. Hughes, J. Nicholson, K. Hughes, H. Morris, Mrs. D. Hughes, Mrs. C. Hayter, Mrs. J. Rogers, Mrs. Hughes, Senior (Lavoy).

There are a number of candidates for Confirmation, and preparation will begin soon.

Rural Deanery of Wainwright

WAINWRIGHT

THE REV. L. A. BRALANT

The past month has been one of meetings. We are glad that this year the weather has been kinder, enabling us to hold the various annual meetings throughout the area. In general, the work throughout has undoubtedly advanced, and we praise God for evidences of renewed zeal and activity in all places of this Mission.

Most of the officers for the Church and W.A. remain the same. The following are the exceptions: Wainwright W.A.: President, Mrs. G. Arkwright; Dorcas Secretary, Mrs. Greer; Prayer Partner Secretary, Mrs. Bralant. We welcome Mr. Charles Horn on to St. Thomas' Vestry.

The work at Irma has been encouraging throughout the year, and there are signs that most of our people here are beginning to realize that as communicant members of our Church they have certain very definite responsibilities. Mr. Axel Peterson has accepted the position of Rector's Warden this year, and Mrs. F. Thurston is a welcome addition to the Vestry. We hope that we may move forward to greater achievements this year; there is much to be done, but it depends on the response of every member, not just the "faithful few".

At Battle Heights there are no changes save the addition of Mrs. Laycock and Mrs. Bacon to the Vestry. The report for the past year was encouraging, and in the matter of finance it was gratifying to see that a slight increase had been made. The holding of services in the homes has proved a success, and we thank those people who have kindly allowed the use of their homes for this purpose. There seems to be a real touch of primitive Christianity about these gatherings, and we feel sure blessing will rest upon the homes thus used.

At the Wainwright Annual Meeting, the Rector mentioned the sharp decline in Sunday School attendance, and looked for the co-operation of the people, especially parents, in finding a solution to this problem. Fortunately, the situation is somewhat offset by the religious instruction given weekly in the day schools. But the purpose of the Sunday School is primarily to lead our children to worship, not merely to learn the elements of the Christian Faith. Perhaps one practical answer is the re-establishment of "Family Worship", both at home and in the Church. Sometimes people object that a child cannot understand the Church services. One wonders how many adults can! Such an objection is more of an excuse than a reason. If parents brought their children instead of sending them to Church, much of the difficulty would be removed.

With the achievements of the past to encourage us, we face our present year with confidence and hope. More and more the world of to-day "sifts" us, and perhaps with the post-

war world we shall find ourselves forced to answer the age-old question: "Choose you this day whom ye will serve". These words which I came across recently should challenge each one of us; "Nothing is quite so uninspiring or spiritually stagnant as a Church of nominal but unconverted Christians, to whom Jesus Christ is merely an ancient name". Where do you stand?

ST. MARY'S, EDGERTON, AND ST. PATRICK'S HEATH

THE REV. A. A. COURT

A brightly lighted Christmas tree, and evergreens, added much to our Church for the Christmas services, which were well attended again, particularly at the 8.30 a.m. celebration. As has been our custom since the Junior Choir has been in operation, the 10.30 a.m. service was enriched by the beautiful hymns and carols.

Many missed the Watch-Night service on New Year's Eve this year, but unfortunately our Rector is not able to be in more than one place at a time, so we had to forego this most impressive service for once. Let us hope that by next year things will be back to normal, and we can start the New Year as it should be started.

Annual congregational meetings were held at St. Patrick's and St. Mary's on the 9th of January, with good attendance at both churches. Reports all showed the same encouraging progress as they did last year, with no outstanding debts. The Rector heartily thanked all organizations for their co-operation, and asked for a continuance of this loyal support, particularly now, when conditions are so much more difficult.

After the meeting had adjourned, it was realized that no one had voiced appreciation of our Rector's work amongst us. This is a grave oversight, and we now take this opportunity of offering him a humble apology, with our very sincere thanks for his ministrations to this Parish.

At St. Patrick's the following officers were elected: Rector's Warden, F. M. Ford; People's Warden, A. J. Patterson; Vestry, Mrs. A. J. Patterson, Mrs. R. Jones, Mrs. T. N. Withnell, and Mr. T. N. Withnell.

New officers for St. Mary's are as follows: Rector's Warden, R. Kington; People's Warden, F. F. Mitchell; Envelope Clerk, R. Reed, with J. W. Bullymore, T. L. Shaw, and J. F. Gilmour as Vestrymen.

St. Mary's Senior W.A. held their annual meeting on Thursday, the 20th of January, at the home of Mrs. E. Evans. It was not 100 per cent. attendance as it was last year, but only because two members were out of town, and one was ill. Reports for 1943 proved that it had been a successful year for the organization, with every obligation met, and plans for still more activity during this year.

The Junior W.A. are deserving of high praise for their steady progress, and it is hoped that this group will be divided into two. The older girls are now well enough advanced to take on greater responsibilities.

New officers for the year in the Senior W.A.

are the following: President, Mrs. P. S. Pawsey; Vice-President, Mrs. J. F. Gilmour; Treasurer, Mrs. R. Reed; Secretary, Mrs. F. F. Mitchell, and Mrs. D. Tanmer was re-elected as Prayer Partner Secretary.

Owing to his many enforced absences, our Rector is preparing candidates for Confirmation in two ways: a verbal lesson one week, and typed ones whilst he is away at his other Parishes.

Our Church is gradually becoming more completely furnished, and we now boast a real Font instead of the temporary one we have used for years. The new one is a really handsome addition, and we are very greatly indebted to Mr. J. W. Robinson, of Tofield, for all the time and labor he has put into it.

ST. MATTHEWS CHURCH, VIKING

THE REV. A. A. COURT

Services have been held on the first and third Sundays.

Our Christmas Communion was celebrated on December 24th at 11 a.m., the celebrant being the Rev. A. A. Court.

The W.A. held their annual meeting January 13th. Reports were read by retiring officers, and showed an active and successful past year. The Rev. A. A. Court took the chair for the election of officers for 1944:

President, Mrs. W. Lawes.
Vice-President, Mrs. D. Scott.
Secretary, Mrs. Childs.
Treasurer, Mrs. Williams.
Dorcas Secretary, Mrs. Gilliespie.

On January 14th the annual congregational meeting was held, the Vicar presiding. Business and reports were read by Mr. R. Clark. Wardens chosen: Vicar's Warden, Mr. Barber; People's Warden, Mr. R. Clark.

Mr. Court then expressed his deep appreciation for the work done by his Wardens and the W.A., and also to Mrs. Gillespie for her loyal support at the organ during the past year.

A beautiful prayer book was placed on the altar in memory of Mrs. Fred Cotterall.

Those of us who have young ones deeply appreciate Mrs. Gillespie's and Joan's work in arranging and looking after the Sunday School papers, etc.

Comforting news has been received by Mrs. Rayment, that her son Fred, who is a prisoner of war in Germany, is well.

HOLY TRINITY, TOFIELD

THE REV. A. A. COURT

January has been the month of annual meetings in the Church and various organizations of the town. On the whole, the attendances have not been large, but after listening to the various reports one felt a good deal of work, effort, interest and generosity had been shown by the "faithful few". "Every day is a fresh beginning" is a suitable thought for the month of January. We have a fresh, clear road, unmarked, untouched and stainless as fields of untrodden snow, over which to travel in the joy of possibilities. The future is in our own hands. The road is clear and untrodden. "Every day is a fresh beginning." Look to

this day only, to make it beautiful. To-morrow, begin again lovingly, selflessly giving of your best, travelling onward step by step as directed by Him.

The Senior W.A. held their Annual Meeting in the Church Hall on January 13th, with five members present. The various reports showed that all obligations had been met, and that there were splendid bank balances. Sixteen dollars and eighty cents was reported by one member as the profit received from the sale of Christmas cards. The ladies are holding the same offices as in that of 1943, namely:

President, Mrs. Borden.

Secretary-Treasurer, Miss L. Baptist.

Prayer Partner and Missionary Secretary, Mrs. C. Baptist.

Dorcas Secretary and Social Service Secretary, Mrs. A. E. Allan.

Little Helpers Secretary, Thank-Offering Secretary, "Living Message" and Magazine Secretary, Mrs. J. W. Robinson.

The Annual Congregational Meeting was held in the Church Hall on January 13th. The Rev. A. A. Court presided.

Yearly reports were read by the Church Secretary, Mr. W. Bellamy; the Senior W.A. Treasurer's report by Miss L. Baptist, and the Sunday School and Little Helpers Secretary-Treasurer's reports by Mrs. J. W. Robinson. All reported creditable balances.

Mr. Court thanked the members for carrying on so loyally and faithfully throughout the past year.

Mr. D. G. McCarthy continues as Rector's Warden, and Mr. Swinton as People's Warden.

Elected to the Vestry were: Mrs. E. Seale, Mrs. J. W. Robinson, Mr. T. Porter, Mr. J. Secord, Mr. A. Clutterham, and Mr. A. Swinton, with Mr. W. Bellamy as Secretary-Treasurer.

Church Services are being held the first and third Sundays as formerly, the former being held at 11 a.m. (Holy Communion) and the latter at 7.30 p.m. (Evensong Service).

Rural Deanery of Wetskiwin

ST. MARY'S, PONOKA

THE REV. W. T. ELKIN

A memorial service was held on Sunday, December 19th, for Lance-Corpl. John B. Harris, who died on December 6th.

L/C Harris was serving with the 49th Battalion, Edmonton Regiment. He had served during the Sicilian campaign, and at the time of receiving mortal wounds was on active service in Italy.

Attending the service along with the parents and many friends were the officers and members of the local Ordnance Workshop Unit, Air Cadets and L.A.A.F.

At the close of the service the many floral tributes were placed at the cenotaph in Forest Home cemetery, after which the group stood at attention, observing a two minutes' silence.

The Christmas services were well attended, and again we had the chance to sing the lovely old Christmas carols at two services.

The Sunday School Christmas Party was much enjoyed by all present. We are sorry to lose Mrs. Stretch from our teaching staff, but are happy to welcome Mrs. Perrin, and wish her much success with the Intermediate Class.

The Annual W.A. was held in the Parish Hall, December 7th. A successful year's activities was reported, and funds were donated to various branches of Church activities. The new officers were elected:

President, Mrs. Gordon.

Vice-Presidents, Mrs. Peacock and Mrs. Northcott.

Secretary, Mrs. Paterson.

Treasurer, Mrs. Phillips.

Dorcas Secretary, Mrs. Mayled.

Junior W.A., Mrs. Christopher.

Little Helpers, Mrs. Wilkin and Mrs. Sutherland.

War Chest Representative, Mrs. Paterson.

Red Cross Representative, Mrs. Young.

Sunshine Representative, Mrs. Perrin.

Marriage

Donald F. Irving and Kathleen Doris Kelly.

Funerals

Mr. Frank Mayled.

Mr. Percy W. Simons.

Mrs. M. Harrod.

Mrs. M. Thorn.

ST. PAUL'S, LEDUC

THE REV. W. T. ELKIN

In December a very successful tea and sale of needlework was held at the home of Mrs. G. Jobb. The results were very gratifying and we wish to thank Mrs. Jobb for the use of her home, and the members of the congregation for their support. We were pleased to have the Rev. W. Elkin as chairman of the annual meeting. The following were elected: Mrs. H. Moss, President; Mrs. A. Dickson, Secretary; Mrs. G. Jobb, Treasurer; Mrs. A. Berg, Little Helpers. The Treasurer's report showed a very substantial balance. Mrs. N. Allin resigned her position as Treasurer, after seven years of service. At the close of the meeting the Rev. W. Elkin thanked the ladies for their co-operation, and wished them continued success.

The Sunday School has had a very successful year. A Beginners' class has been added, making the work much more interesting.

IMMANUEL CHURCH, WETASKIWIN

THE REV. W. T. ELKIN

Fine weather brought more members of the congregation out to the annual meeting on January 21st than had been in attendance for several years. In the absence of Mr. Alfred Grange, People's Warden, Col. Godfrey Baker was elected secretary of the meeting.

The Rector presented a comprehensive report of the affairs of the Church, and congratulated the Women's Auxiliary on completing the payments on the Rectory loan, leaving all properties of the Church free from debt. In doing this he urged the congregation not to

lose sight of the need for many repairs still required, and so slacken their efforts during the coming months. Considerable enthusiasm was manifested when it was suggested the occasion be recognized with a Service of Thanksgiving as well as some special social event. Arrangements were left in the hands of the Vestry and with the officers of the W.A.

Appreciation was expressed to Rev. and Mrs. Elkin for their untiring work for the betterment of the congregation. The following compose the Vestry:

Capt. Thomas Palfrey, Rector's Warden; Col. Godfrey Baker, People's Warden; S. Cole, R. W. Manley, A. G. Roland, Chas. Payne, V. McNally, J. Blocksidge, F. Blackwell, W. L. Owen, Mrs. H. J. Montgomery and the President of the Women's Auxiliary.

Mr. C. Payne read the report of the Sunday School; Mrs. Percy Maggs, Women's Auxiliary; Miss M. Robinson, the choir; Mrs. M. Higginson, Sanctuary Guild.

CAMROSE

THE REV. A. WALLIS

We held our Annual W.A. meeting on the 4th January at the home of Mrs. Newall. After the prayers and preliminary business, reports were read showing a very satisfactory year. Mrs. Maglis, who had been our President, thanked everyone for their prayers and support, and earnestly asked us to be as loyal to her successor.

Our Rector then took the chair for the election of officers. He expressed sincere appreciation of all which had been accomplished, thanking Mrs. Maglis for her fine leadership, and all others for their faithful service, including groups and their leaders.

Election of officers as follows:

President, Mrs. H. Bradley.
Vice-President, Mrs. A. Wallis.
Secretary, Mrs. E. V. Kerr.
Treasurer, Miss J. Roper.

Little Helpers Secretary, Mrs. R. Fuller.

We have not found a Dorcas Secretary yet, but are interested in the work, and intend to go ahead. Prayer Partner Secretary will be Mrs. R. Fuller, and Miss Roper will look after the "Living Message" and "Church Messenger" again.

Mrs. Bradley is a Life Member of the W.A. and we are proud to have her as our President. We intend to stand by you, Mrs. Bradley, for

"The love of Christ constraineth;
And we who trust His Word
Who know and feel its power
To gladder service stirred,
Shall neither faint nor falter . . ."

Chancel Guild

We are sorry that Miss Jean Roper feels she cannot continue to be our leader. However, she is still interested in the work and will help. Thank you, Jessie, for long, devoted service. We had a meeting at the home of Mrs. Maglis, when six new members were initiated into the service of the Chancel Guild.

"We ask not that our service
Or great or small may be,
If only Thou wilt own it,
Dear Lord, as unto Thee."

Confirmation Classes are being held, and we hope to have our Bishop here some time in March.

A.Y.P.A.

Going ahead with Programmes.

Sunday School

Is well attended and we express our appreciation to Mr. Fred Stewart, our Superintendent, for a long term of service. He is a busy man, and our Sunday School commences at 10 a.m.!

We have a Bible Study Group on Thursdays at 8.45 p.m. (after Choir Practice), led by the Rector, and it is surprising and interesting to notice the different ideas we have of the meaning of Christ's words and actions. Everyone is welcome to join us.

Lent will soon be here. This year it should bring a deeper thoughtfulness. Thought for those who have lost loved ones, for the anxious, for the sick, for those in other countries who are hungry and bereft. We can all pray, reaching out beyond the limits of our own little thinking, to the Infinite Love of God. It need not be a long discourse, just "Lord, I believe", and the spirit is in contact with Divine power.

ST. DUNSTAN'S, BITTERN LAKE

THE REV. A. WALLIS

The Sunday School Party and Christmas Tree, December 30th, seemed to be much enjoyed. The youngsters played games out of doors until the arrival of the Rev. A. Wallis and Mrs. Wallis, when they flocked into the hall. There they sang carols and had more games, Mr. Wallis entering into and leading their fun. A bountiful lunch was much enjoyed, after which came the outstanding event of the party, the distribution of the gifts from the tree by the Rector, assisted by the teachers. Then, as afternoon waned, the happy children left for home.

The Parish Annual Meeting was held after service, January 16th. It was a pleasant meeting, characterized by almost perfect unanimity. The financial report showed that the Church's finances were in a very healthy condition, the Church being entirely free from debt, with a small balance in hand.

Reports from the W.A. and Sunday School were also very satisfactory.

C. T. C. Roper was re-appointed Rector's Warden, and A. C. Birchall and J. B. Hayfield were re-elected People's Warden and Secretary-Treasurer respectively. The members of the re-elected Vestry are Mrs. E. R. Ochsner, Mrs. C. T. C. Roper, E. W. Briggs, Wm. Ramsell and J. B. Hayfield.

A report of the work of the Bible Society was also presented at this meeting by Mr. J. G. Baker.

Delegates elected to Synod were J. G. Baker and C. T. C. Roper.

THE WOMEN'S PAGE

by Edith Peace

MEETINGS

It seems as though almost every branch has held its annual meeting and elected its officers for 1944. In most branches it is usually a case of re-election for many members, and we do like to keep people in the same office for years on end. It gives us a comfortable feeling to know that the same faithful members are carrying on, though it is nice to welcome new blood once in a while. We must do everything we can to encourage our newer members and keep their interest in our work growing.

I would like to make a plea to all Presidents for a properly balanced W.A. programme. It is so fatally easy to subordinate the real purpose of our organization to that of raising funds all the time. Goodness only knows we need to take advantage of every opportunity to raise such funds as will meet our obligations, but there is something more in W.A. work than "keeping shop" at a bazaar, or being constantly in the business of catering. My chief criticism of our Church reports is that so often we seem to assess the success or failure of a year according to the amount of money we have raised. "We didn't do as well as last year," someone will say, looking at the financial statement. It may well be that we did twice as well as last year, and placed the emphasis of our work where it really belongs.

Actually, the business of raising money is the easy way out for most executives. It is so much easier for some reason to plan a tea than it is to plan a course of study, and so much easier to get some member to volunteer to convene a tea than it is to get some member to volunteer to give a paper on a subject missionary or inspirational. We usually fall back on our clergyman to do this for us, and much as he is willing, it is not really fair to ask him to do something which he may feel we have every right to be doing ourselves.

Now I don't know the answer to this. Most of us feel we have not enough knowledge, or the ability, or the confidence to give a good paper. Moreover, it takes a great deal of time to get up a paper, even if we could find a book with a suitable subject. Then there is always the problem of trying to interest the Branch. Some have definitely told me that they don't care very much about papers at meeting. Some study books do not lend themselves to reading at our meetings, and few are good readers. It all adds up to a real headache for the President who wants to encourage study at our meetings.

One suggestion which might be followed with profit by a Branch is for the whole group to make a point of attending the mid-week

Lenten services as part of our W.A. devotionals. It may be that most of those who attend are members of the W.A. anyway, and if so there would be no reason why we could not have, say, a W.A. litany, and our W.A. prayer. Certainly we can take this up with our own clergyman, and ask his advice, and see if it can be worked. Anything that can make our service for Christ a service of Mary as well as Martha should be tried out.

AMERICAN INVASION

I understand that within the course of the next few months a number of our American friends will be leaving Edmonton and returning to the United States. Many of the projects undertaken have been completed, and it looks as though some of the contemplated projects will not be realized after all, and so the staffs will be recalled.

Those who have been here through the past two winters will wonder what kind of weather is considered a normal winter here. Last winter was a record for cold, and this winter must be a record for mildness. I have seen a good many Alberta winters, but this is the mildest I have ever experienced, and I'm all in favor of them! Most of our visitors from the south to whom I have spoken like our city very much, and have been warmly received. The housing situation has presented the most difficult problem, and even though they have had what seem to us large salaries, many of them have paid fairly high rentals, especially for furnished suites or houses. We hope they will take back with them a friendly feeling towards Edmonton and Edmontonians. One shudders to think of what might have been if the invasion had been Japanese instead of American. I used to say that to any people I heard who spoke as though they resented their coming here. We have so much reason for thankfulness that the United States is bearing the brunt of the struggle against Japan. One cannot imagine what our plight might have been if they had remained neutral, and we had been called upon to defend ourselves alone.

PRAYER

O Lord, support us all the day long of this troublous life, until the shades lengthen and the evening comes; the busy world is hushed; the fever of life over, and our work is done.

Then, Lord, in Thy mercy, grant us a safe lodging, a holy rest; and peace at the last, Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

EDITH PEACE.

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